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FORMER U.S. PREZ AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE JIMMY CARTER DIES AT 100

Democrat Jimmy Carter, who served as the 39th president of the United States between 1977 and 1981, died in Georgia on Monday at the age of 100

WINNER OF 2002 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

During his single term at the White House, Carter's initiatives led to the 1978 Camp David Accords, which ended hostilities between Israel and Egypt. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. Human rights was a fulcrum of his foreign policy decisions. Condoling the death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Carter "a statesman of great vision" | **P14**

A VILLAGE IN HARYANA IS NAMED AFTER HIM

- In 1978, he visited India, becoming the third US president to do so. He travelled to a village in Haryana, where he left a lasting impression on its residents. They later renamed their village 'Carterpuri'
- The 1979 Iran hostage crisis and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan tarnished his reputation. He lost the subsequent re-election bid

43 years

SINCE HE LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE, MAKING HIS THE LONGEST U.S. POST-PRESIDENCY

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Honouring Gen Zorawar would have had more locational relevance

Shivaji statue on Pangong Tso triggers debate

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

A statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji on the banks of Pangong Tso in Eastern Ladakh, inaugurated by the Indian Army unit there a few days ago, triggered a lively debate on social media on its locational relevance.

The Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps proudly posted on X that the statue of Shivaji was inaugurated on December 26 at an altitude of 14,300 ft, before it ran into a verbal crossfire.

While some veterans applauded it, others suggested that honouring the memory of Dogra General Zorawar Singh (1784-1841) instead with a statue there would have been more appropriate, as he was an ace in mountain warfare and had annexed Ladakh and parts of Tibet.

It was at Finger 4 on the North Bank of the Pangong Tso lake where Indian soldiers and Chinese PLA troops got into a scuffle in May 2020. Bilateral relations went south before they were recently restored.

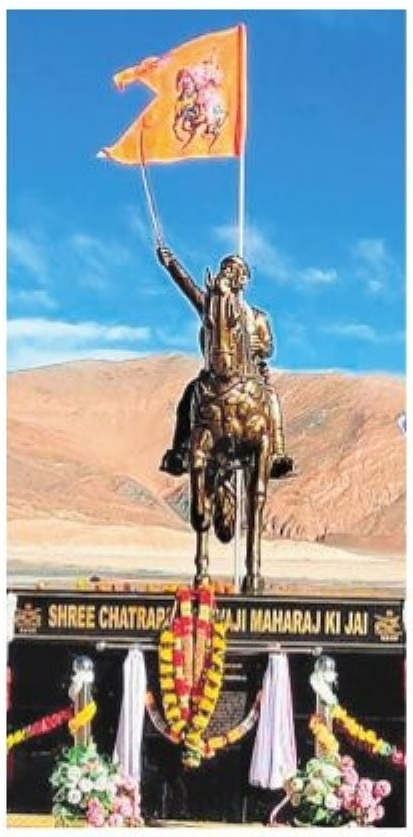
Chushul councillor Konchok Stanzin said, "As a local resident, I must voice my concerns about the Shivaji statue at Pangong. It was erected without local input and I question its relevance to our unique environment and wildlife."

Political activist Sajjad Kargili echoed Stanzin, adding: "These should not be placed in environmentally sensitive areas like Pangong, which require careful preservation".

Brigadier Hardeep Singh Sohi (Retd), defended the gesture, saying it was meant to boost morale of the troops. "In infantry units where the hand-to-hand combat chances are more, heroes associated with the Units are given a high pedestal by Cdrs (Commanders) to boost morale of troops. Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji by a Maratha unit on banks of Pangong Tso lake is a step in that direction."

But Maj Gen B S Dhanoa (Retd) and Col Sanjay Pande (Retd) questioned the move. "There are the statutes (or laws) of war, but of late our armed forces are studying the "statues of war"...," he wrote on Maj Gen Birender Dhanoa (Retd) quipped on X.

Col Sanjay Pande (Retd) said Zorawar Singh died fighting in Tibet. The Leh Fort is called Zorawar Fort. "Zorawar Singh fought wars 180 years back, weather was as found today. He deserves to be there."



The statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji inaugurated on the banks of Pangong Tso in Ladakh on December 26

MARATHA REGIMENT RAISED THE STATUE

Army sources said a Rashtriya Rifles unit comprising troops of the Maratha Regiment "got the statue raised within its area of responsibility with resources voluntarily collected from serving and retired personnel."

NO HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL RELEVANCE

Political activist Sajjad Kargili said there is no cultural or historical relevance of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Ladakh. "While we respect his legacy, imposing such cultural symbols here is misplaced."

CID will probe contractor suicide case: Dr G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government has ordered a probe by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) into suicide by Bidar-based contractor Sachin Panchala, who had allegedly blamed an associate of RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge for his death in a note.

Revealing this to reporters here on Monday, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that it is not right to make unnecessary allegations against Priyank. Officials have stated that the note did not have Priyank's name. "But BJP leaders are alleging that the note has Priyank's name. In order to reveal the truth, the case has been handed over to CID. Let's wait for the probe report,'' he said.

There is no need for Priyank to resign. All such cases cannot be handed over to the CBI. "Our CID is competent enough to investigate the case and bring out the truth,'' the home minister said.

The CID has investigated many cases. "If BJP leaders give any constructive suggestions or directions, we will consider them. But they are politicising the issue,'' he said.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders have criticised Parameshwara for taking a stand on the case even before completion of the probe. "Instead of standing with Panchala's family, Parameshwara is supporting Priyank," they said.

Panchala, who ended his life on Thursday, stated in his death note that he was pressured by Congress leader and former councillor Raju Kapanoor, who is said to be Priyank's associate, to pay Rs 1 crore. With BJP leaders' cry for Priyank's resignation getting louder, the RDPR minister met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday evening and briefed him about the contractor's suicide. Priyank also wrote to the CM and the home minister, urging them to hand over the case to an independent agency for investigation.

Order CBI probe by Jan 3, or will stage protest: BJP

Bengaluru: Opposition BJP reiterated its demand CBI probe into contractor Sachin Panchala's death by suicide. BJP state president BY Vijayendra said if the CM fails to order a CBI probe by January 3, the party will stage a massive protest in Kalaburagi on January 4. | **P2**

BJP, Cong spar over Rahul's trip to Vietnam during national mourning

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE row over former prime minister Manmohan Singh's funeral refuses to die down with the BJP targeting the Congress over its leadership's absence during the immersion of Singh's ashes and Rahul Gandhi's Vietnam trip during the mourning period.

In its pushback, the Congress said its leaders skipped the ceremony to give privacy to Singh's family. In a statement, Congress leader Pawan Khera said after the cremation, Sonia and Priyanka Gandhi met Singh's family at their residence. "It was felt that since the family did not get any privacy at the time of the cremation and some extended family members could not reach the pyre site, it would be appropriate to give them some privacy for the *Phool Chunana* and the immersion of ashes, which is an emotionally painful and difficult ceremony for close family members," Khera said.

Raking up Rahul's foreign trip, BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said in an X post: "The country is in mourning. The government has announced seven days of national mourning. As expected from Rahul Gandhi... he has left for tourism and to party."

Countering this, Congress MP B Manickam Tagore said Rahul is on a private visit. He termed the BJP's allegations as 'diversionary politics'.

Tariq Anwar, another Congress MP, said the trip was preplanned and that Rahul left after paying tributes to Singh.

Earlier, a war of words broke out between the Congress and the BJP over the venue and arrangements for Singh's last rites. The Congress alleged that the BJP insulted Singh by arranging the cremation at Nigambodh Ghat.

State RTCs have sought 15% fare hike: Ramalinga

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

TRANSPORT Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Monday said that the four state bus corporations have sought a fare hike of 15 per cent. Reddy told TNIE that the corporations sent a proposal in this regard to the state government almost six months ago. The government will hold a discussion on the proposal and take a decision.

Meanwhile, officials from Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC), and North-West Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) stressed the need for a fare revision at the earliest to balance losses incurred by the corporations.

Members of RTC unions had threatened to go on an indefinite strike from December 31 seeking release of their pending salaries. The fund crunch in the four corporations is one of the reasons for accumulation of salary arrears, the officials said. **P5**

2-1
Australia are up 2-1 in five-Test series

30
No. of wickets Bumrah took in this series

ICC: BUMRAH HIGH

Jasprit Bumrah was nominated for ICC Test Cricketer of Year award along with England's Joe Root. Bumrah picked 71 wkts — highest in the world — from 13 Test matches at 14.92 avg

Australia team celebrates a wicket against India on Monday | AP

India lose Melbourne identity to Aussies

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

AS Rohit Sharma sat on the dais for the fifth time this year to address the media after a Test match defeat, there was a sense of unease. The usual Rohit charisma was missing. The wit and humour and those frank admissions have deserted the room. Once again he was there to discuss another loss.

The gloom before the New Year's Eve night is not something the India team would have wanted. Yet, it was, after Australia beat them here on Monday. More than the loss, the way India capitulated is something the team management should ponder about. India had lost their last seven wickets for just 34 runs in 20.4 overs and what looked like a well-deserved draw, ended in a loss. As the bandwagon shifts to Sydney, India trail Australia 1-2 with one last Test to play for.

The press conference freflected Rohit's sombre mood. He was struggling, like his form and innings, to find the apt words. With guns training at his batting and leadership, there is little Rohit can do. In the five innings he played in Australia, he scored only 31 runs at an average of 6.2, considered dismal by his standard. By the look of Rohit, there seemed to be something ominous brewing within.

With India needing him and the other senior player Virat Kohli most to salvage a draw, both perished in the most pitiable fashion. They had been the anti-thesis to the mercurial Jasprit Bumrah, who once again finished with a five-wicket haul. Such had been the dependency on his bowling, he had bowled almost one-third of overs sent down by India in the second innings. Kohli once again showed his vulnerability outside off and when he fell India were staring down the barrel.

If not for young Yashasvi Jaiswal (84) and Rishabh Pant partnership of 88, India would have folded up their innings well before the last session. "There are things that we as a team need to look at," Sharma said. "I personally need to look at as well. So we will try and see what happens." He said Sydney is still there. "If we can play that game well, with 2-2, a draw will be really nice." **P17**

> **It is mentally disturbing when you can't do what you have come to do. It is pretty disappointing. There are ways to win games and we fell short in finding ways to win the game here** — Rohit Sharma

ISRO sets SpaDex sats off on historic journey; may dock by January 7

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA
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IN a rare nighttime launch, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) workhorse PSLV-C60 vehicle on Monday successfully launched the two SpaDex (Space Docking Experiment) satellites in their intended orbit. In about a week's time, for the first time, the space agency will attempt to join the satellites together in space and demonstrate transfer of electrical power transmission. This is deemed to be one of the most complex space missions undertaken till date by ISRO.

Once accomplished, it will place India in an elite league of spacefaring nations. The ability of two indigenous satellites to autonomously rendezvous, dock and undock in orbit, a complex and high-stakes operation, has been mastered by only a handful of nations, including Russia, US and China.

The SpaDex mission involves two small satellites, designated SDX01 and SDX02, each weighing approximately 220kg. These satellites have been equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including ISRO's patented androgynous docking mechanism, which allows either satellite to serve as the active 'chaser' or the passive 'target.'

ISRO Chairman S Somanath said, "The rocket has placed SpaDex satellites in the right orbit. We expect the docking to take place around January 7."

ISRO's PSLV-C60 during lift off at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh | PTI

EXPRESS READ

K'taka govt to challenge Darshan bail in SC

Bengaluru: The state government will file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court, challenging the bail granted to Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, Pavithra Gowda, and others in the Renukaswamy murder case. **P3**

'Pvt banks write off loans to make books look good'

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has warned private sector banks against writing off loans to make their books look good. RBI's concern comes in the backdrop of data showing improvement in GNPA ratios, which fell to a decadal low in 2024-25. RBI has also flagged concerns over dilution in underwriting standards. **P12**

TRUMP SEXUAL ASSAULT VERDICT UPHELD

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday upheld a Manhattan trial court's verdict that former US president Donald Trump sexually abused columnist E Jean Carroll in the mid-1990s, dismissing his appeal | **P14**

JEANS EDITING

Carlsen says Anand, for all his good qualities, isn't ready for FIDE job

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

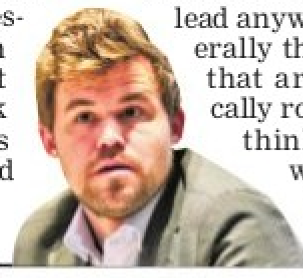
THE Magnus Carlsen saga has taken new twist. A couple of days after being disqualified from the World Rapid Chess championships in New York for wearing jeans, the former world champion took a dig at Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand, who is a deputy president in the international chess federation (FIDE).

While speaking to an online app, Carlsen said the disqualification was 'draconian' and criticised the FIDE for mishandling the issue. He even said that there was no grown-ups to discuss with in FIDE and called the officials "robots" unable to make independent decisions.

"Well... let's go back to a couple of days ago. I did have some choice words for FIDE in my interview with you. And I would say that it was a bit imprecise. I definitely mean it when it comes to certain people in FIDE. No question about it," he told an app, adding he almost booked his flight back home. The Norwegian is participating in World Blitz after FIDE chief Arkady Dvorkovich intervened.

"We had long conversations with Anand yesterday and others, which generally didn't lead anywhere. It was generally the same answers that arbiters are basically robots who cannot think on their own, who have no way to even deviate slightly from... I don't even know if I broke any rules. I still haven't gotten a clear answer on that," Carlsen said.

Anand told Chessbase India that Carlsen was penalised for breaking rules. For his part, Carlsen said he did not break any rules and at least he has not got a favourable reply from FIDE. "Anand said very clearly that he didn't know that he had any opportunity to do anything past, you know, go with the arbiters' honestly draconian decision of not pairing me. And that means that he was, for all his good qualities, not ready for this job. That's what I feel," Carlsen said. The FIDE also tweaked the dress code that said "elegant minor deviations (that may, in particular, include appropriate jeans matching the jacket) are allowed."



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• **Nakshatra:** Purvashada 12.49 am • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda**: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Partly cloudy

Sunrise	06.41 am
Sunset	06.04 pm
Moonrise	06.59 am
Moonset	06.30 pm

Contractor's suicide: BJP seeks CBI probe, plans protest

Party's state unit chief Vijayendra wants govt to give ₹1 crore compensation, job to a member of Panchal's family

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@ Bengaluru

BJP state president BY Vijayendra (centre) addresses the media in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

OPPOSITION BJP continued to mount pressure on the chief minister to order a CBI probe into contractor Sachin Panchala's death by suicide in Bidar and drop Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge from the cabinet.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru on Monday, BJP state president BY Vijayendra said they will wait till January 3 for the CM to order a CBI probe. If the CM fails to do so, the BJP will stage a massive protest in Kalaburagi on January 4 and also lay siege to minister Kharge's residence, he said.

Vijayendra said the CM should not try to protect anyone as Panchal's family is also demanding a CBI probe. The BJP leader demanded that the government give Rs 1 crore compensation and a job to a member of Panchal's family.

He said in the death note, Panchala mentioned a conspiracy to murder Siddalinga Swamiji, MLA Basavaraj Mattimod and BJP leaders Chandu Patil and Manikant Rathod. He also accused the police of not responding to Panchal's sisters' request for help when he had posted on social media about taking the extreme step. "The death note blamed Raju Kapnoor, who is close to the Kharge family," he said. The BJP leader alleged that Kapnoor had demanded a 5% commission to help Panchal get a tender and also claimed that he enjoyed the full support of the minister.

Kharge said the BJP leaders should come with a document, or any proof to show his involvement.

WHAT WRONG HAS PRIYANK DONE, ASKS DKS

Karnataka RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge has got the strong backing from Deputy CM DK Shivakumar in the Bidar contractor Sachin Panchal suicide case. Priyank's supporter Raju Kapanur is the key accused in the case. Priyank claimed that he was in no way involved in the case as his name did not figure in the death note. "There is no question of Priyank Kharge resigning. What wrong has he done? Priyank is the voice of our party. The opposition is behaving this way because it is jealous of him," he said.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Basavaraj Horatti can act in Ravi case: Ratnakar

Bengaluru: Former minister Kimmane Ratnakar on Monday took exception to Karnataka Legislative Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti's statement that he cannot take action with regard to BJP MLC CT Ravi's alleged derogatory words against Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, as the incident occurred after the session was adjourned. "The Chairman's statement was unexpected as he had said that he does not want to say anything about it because the incident happened after the session was over. And he also does not want to comment on false cases as seen in the media. The post of Chairman is a constitutional one. Even after the session is over, the Constitution has given him the right to take action against any incident that occurs inside the House. So, he cannot say the incident does not fall under the purview of the session," he told the press.

Simha denies joining Cong, calls CM anti-Hindu

Mysuru: With a few BJP leaders criticising former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha for throwing his weight behind naming a street after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he on Monday ruled out the possibility of him joining Congress and accused the CM of being anti-Hindu and casteist. "I am ideologically committed and strong. Under no circumstances I will join Congress," he said. Simha said his roots are in Sangh politics as his father is from Jan Sangh and was in BJP. "All those who offered me the Congress ticket know my commitment to the saffron party. If I wanted to join Congress, I would have switched over before the polls. What is the point of me going to Congress now," he asked. Simha said he has been affected by Siddaramaiah's actions and five FIRs have been registered against him in the past three months.

'Cops behaved like supari killers'

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@ Bengaluru

BJP MLC CT Ravi, LoP in Council Chalavadi Narayanswamy and other party leaders address the media after calling on the governor in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

BJP MLC CT Ravi on Monday accused police of acting like "supari killers under the directions of DyCM DK Shivakumar, minister Laxmi Hebbalkar and their henchmen" and attempting to eliminate him in a fake encounter.

Ravi and BJP leaders met Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot in Bengaluru on Monday, and submitted a memorandum demanding action against the police officers who arrested him in Belagavi on December 19 and drove him around all night, and senior officers responsible for it.

Ravi was arrested for allegedly making a derogatory remark against Hebbalkar. He has denied the charge. He urged the Governor to call for the DG&IGP's clarification on the "entire episode of police atrocity and for being a silent spectator".

He requested the Governor to direct the government to provide immediate additional security to him.

Ravi-Lakshmi issue should be put to rest: Horatti

Hubballi: Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti stated that the issue involving Women and Child Welfare Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar and Legislative Council Member CT Ravi should have been resolved through a compromise. "As the Chairman of the Legislative Council, I wish to resolve the case regarding the alleged offensive remark made by CT Ravi against Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar and move forward. I even discussed this with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. However, since everyone remains firm on their respective stands, there is nothing I can do," he said. Expressing his helplessness, he added, "The case has now turned political, and I cannot take sides against my conscience. When I sit in the Chair, I treat all members equally."

How 2024 was emblematic of India's space ambitions

SANJAY NEKKANTI
CEO and Co-founder of Dhruva Space, Hyderabad

ON January 1, 2024, as ISRO's PSLV C58 surged into the skies, leaving a feathery plume of exhaust trailing behind it, a new chapter in India's space exploration was charted. Carrying the XPoSat mission along with 10 payloads on the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 into the orbits, ISRO was sending a message to the world: India is rising as a global Space powerhouse, and that right now is the moment to contribute with bold, shared ambitions to solutions enabled by space.

The launch of C58 symbolised the dynamism and collaborative spirit of India's space programme. At its core was a nearly 470-kilogram satellite dedicated to studying supernovae, neutron stars and blackholes — an ambitious leap in scientific research. Equally noteworthy was the growing wave of Indian startups and research institutes poised to space-qualify their own technologies, underscoring the nation's increasingly vital role in the global space ecosystem. Among these payloads was Dhruva Space's P-30 nanosatellite, a radiation-shielding payload from TakeMe2Space, and three experiments from academic institutes.

Building on the momentum following the C58 launch, the world observed two PSLV launches, a GSLV launch and an SSLV launch – as well as the deployment of GSAT-20 aboard SpaceX's highlighting the growing international collaboration that is fast becoming a hallmark of India's space goals.

Human spaceflight was one of the defining buzzwords of 2024, and for many of us – myself included – it feels like a dream that is finally within reach. The upcoming Gaganyaan mission, set for 2028, as well as the conceptualisation of the Bharatiya Antariksha Station of India are monumental steps forward, and many private companies are gearing up to contribute critical technologies to these endeavours.

Beyond demonstration, towards commercialisation

Inspirational missions such as those of ISRO and the private sector – now comprising more than 1000 registered startups – will help drive innovation in the new space economy. For the early groundswell of space startups, such as Dhruva Space, Skyroot, Pixxel, Manastu Space, Agnikul Cosmos and more, it has become imperative to commercialise their space-qualified products and many have started securing and fulfilling orders for clients across government, academia and enterprise verticals.

To meet growing demands for access to space as well as space-enabled applications, the private sector is developing infrastructure accordingly; in January, Pixxel opened the doors of its 30,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in Bengaluru, Skyroot Aerospace inaugurated a 60,000 square-foot facility in October and in the same month, Dhruva Space kicked off construction of its 280,000 square-foot spacecraft manufacturing facility – the latter two in Hyderabad.

India's space ecosystem remains a global model of cost-efficiency, with strong investment momentum. The Rs 1,000 Crore venture capital fund proposed by IN-SPACe offers a significant opportunity for space startups at both early and growth stages alongside other remarkable initiatives of IN-SPACe, ISRO and iDEX - DIO.

From the eyes of the founder of India's first space-tech startup, 2024 seemed to be the year of continued ambition for all. Ambition is what drove Dr Vikram Sarabhai to initiate space research in India, it is what fuelled the culmination of INCOSPAR – now ISRO – and it is what continues to be the lifeblood of India's Space goals.

INTO THE SPACE

The year saw setting up stairway to future space missions

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

HIGHLIGHTS
- Announcement of four astronauts for Gaganyaan mission
- Cabinet approval to Venus mission and bringing samples from the moon
- Centre's approval for private investment in defence and space research
- Successful launch of PSLV-C59/ Proba-3 Mission, XPosSAT, GSLV-F14/ INSAT-3DS and Reusable Launch Vehicles

Finish Line 2024

WHILE 2023 saw the launch of Chandrayaan-3, 2024 recorded and celebrated the progress and achievements the satellite made. But much more happened this year.

In the words of space experts, researchers and investors, 2024 acted as a base, building platforms for launches in the coming years. It was also a starting point for more investments to roll into the space sector for research and deep tech. The Union government's announcements and policies on foreign direct investment into the sector opened the doors for the private sector to bring in their talent, provide financial support and partner with government agencies.

The highlight of the year was the Union ministry announcing the names of four astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present when the names of Group Captains Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair, Ajit Krishnan and Angad Pratap, and Wing Commander Shubanshu Shukla were announced in February for the first human space flight.

As the year was drawing to a close, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced the assembly of HLVM3 for Gaganyaan mission and completion of successful trials of the crew module. The trials were carried out at the Eastern Naval Command using welldeck ships off Visakhapatnam coast.

Awais Ahmed, founder and CEO, Pixxel Space Technologies, said 2024 saw the government approving major projects including Venus and Chandrayaan missions, where private companies will collaborate. The government also invited private investments up to 49% in rockets, 74% in satellites and 100% in systems.

Narayan Prasad, Chief Operating Officer, SatSearch, said the year saw a Rs 1,000 crore venture capital fund for space start-ups. The government also announced building of 52 satellites for the defence space sector and surveillance, of which 31 will be built by private companies alone.

Prasad said with the opening of FDI in the space sector, the government saw a rise in companies now working with government agencies in upstream hardware and satellites.

Pranit Mehta, co-founder, GalaxEye, said after the government opened its doors for private partnerships, 2024 saw a shift in the interests of investors. It started a trend for India-bound investments across the value chain. The year also saw marked achievements towards the space defence sector.

Earlier, space technology and achievements were positioned around ISRO's works, but 2024 recognised the milestones achieved by the private sector.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also stressed on adoption of high-end space technologies to strengthen the defence sector. He said the government has introduced many schemes, including the Innovation for Defence Excellence (IDEX) and Technology Development Fund (TDF), to nurture young talent.

During the year, ISRO launched XPosSAT (X-Ray Polarimeter satellite), which was the first satellite dedicated to carry out research in space-based polarisation measurements of X-Ray emissions from celestial sources. The GSLV-F14/ INSAT-3DS was launched for meteorological observations and to monitor land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warnings.

ISRO also tasted success with the launch of Reusable Launch Vehicle technology through RLV LEX-2 and 3. The Organisation continued with its second experimental flight demonstrating success in the air-breathing propulsion technology. It also announced the success of the third developmental flight of SSLV.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

31st December : A little more about Pisces, the sign of the week. If you are closely involved with someone born under this sign then you can get them to do a lot on your behalf - but not too much. Pile more than they can cope with on their shoulders and they'll go into reverse - and do nothing!

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you're a dreamy idealist, your stars are perfect - well, almost! Mars, your planetary ruler, conspires to join the general system of romantic planetary influences. You can indulge your merest whim but do consider postponing all practical and routine tasks.

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
A word for all you Bulls whose life is currently set on a down-to-earth and practical path. You must tread very carefully this week, for all will not be as it seems. What appears to be so certain today will be but a vague memory tomorrow, so this is no time for uncharacteristic hasty actions.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
The Moon is hopefully causing a radical change in your mood. As the hours pass, you should be feeling much more expansive, hopeful and optimistic. You're looking for ways to make some extra cash, but there may be savings to be had, first. It's not necessary to take a gamble.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)
With the Moon now denoting such qualities as self-sacrifice, we may conclude that this is a period of routine chores and responsibilities. Roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty. Actually you're in a very strong position and should be able to get your way in love as in all things.

LEO
(July 24 - Aug. 23)
Having suffered financial loss in the past, you are bound to look for scapegoats. On the other hand, rather than dwell on what might have been, I suggest that you get on and make plans for the future. In matters of the heart, you'll stand back and let partners take first place.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The current planetary set-up indicates that, after a number of false starts, you will finally find your feet. It's time for lateral thinking: you may, if you wish, disregard professional and family pressures. Or at least you may postpone them until you are in a better position.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus, your graceful planetary ruler, is now taking you from a romantic alignment to Neptune towards a passionate one to Pluto. Over the next few days your resolve should therefore be stiffened. And yet it looks as if the meetings and encounters which are now on the cards could be delayed.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's a mixed moment, emotionally. Although one particular romantic tie or involvement now seems to have weathered all kinds of storms, coming events may persuade you that you need to check whether you're getting what you need out of it. And remember - it's good to talk!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Work, travel and business are all featured strongly in your chart this week. On the one hand this suggests that intimate affairs will be down-played, yet your motivations will be no less personal for that. Somehow you have to explore your own past.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There's a general air of anticipation, and colleagues or associates appear to be on tenterhooks, waiting for something to happen. There may be a number of cul-de-sacs, red herrings and false starts before your long-term serious questions are answered.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your lunar movements should push you from a mood of introspection into one of adventure and openness to new experiences. The time for navel-gazing is in the past, the time for action is here. And, if you don't see that yourself, partners will take a hand.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Professional negotiations should be conducted with determination - but also with great subtlety. If there's anything you want from anyone at work, you'll have to use all your cunning wiles to get it. Plus, just because everyone else thinks something is true, that doesn't mean they're right!

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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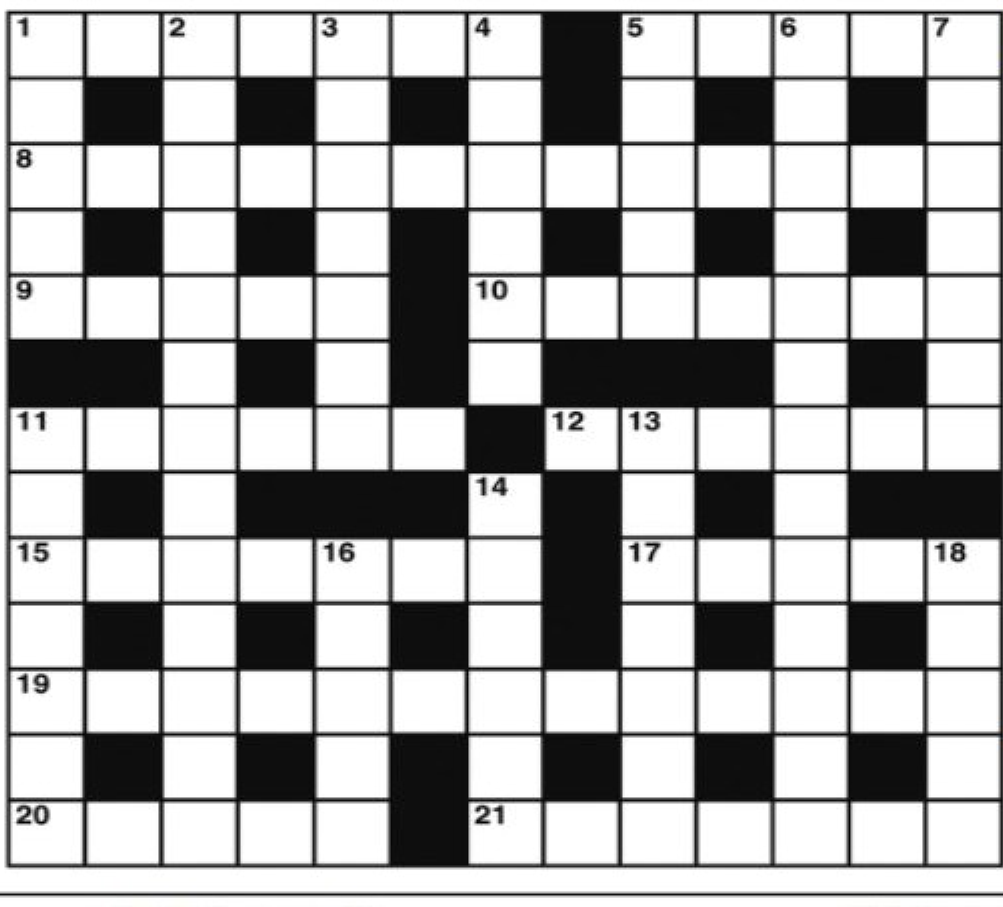

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Cake and wine (7)
5 Has sampled some tea (5)
8 They show clothes in a style seldom changed (7,6)
9 Cancel every year without an A in it (5)
10 Vagrant the French stamp on (7)
11 It is said to make one look happy (6)
12 May describe a bridge card he replaced (6)
15 One takes something for it (7)
17 Boast about hand-made footwear (5)
19 International match? (13)
20 Girl in expensive car used in speed trap (5)
21 Part of a lathe that could be altered (7)

DOWN

1 Mob involved in a cinema fiasco (5)
2 Broken to pieces - clumsy sergeant did it (13)
3 They are suspended in cold weather (7)
4 Raise beat in time relatively speaking (6)
5 Perfume helps to make a romance possible (5)
6 Gamble very successfully and remove the directors (5,3,5)
7 Bad dreams I wrongly interpret (7)
11 A producer and transporter of coal (7)
13 Stock book (7)
14 One who hardly rules? (6)
16 It's a mistake to be led astray over gold (5)
18 They object to a point in the subject under discussion (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Tithe, 8 Sparkled, 9 Offer, 10 Grandeur, 11 Smelt, 12 Row, 16 Pursue, 17 Abacus, 18 Pax, 23 Agile, 24 Pop stars, 25 Stage, 26 Naturist, 27 Prate.

Down: 2 Infamous, 3 Heedless, 4 Oporto, 5 Trunk, 6 Alter, 7 Adore, 12 Rep, 13 Wax, 14 Pargeter, 15 Sunlight, 19 Arrest, 20 Spans, 21 Spots, 22 Stars.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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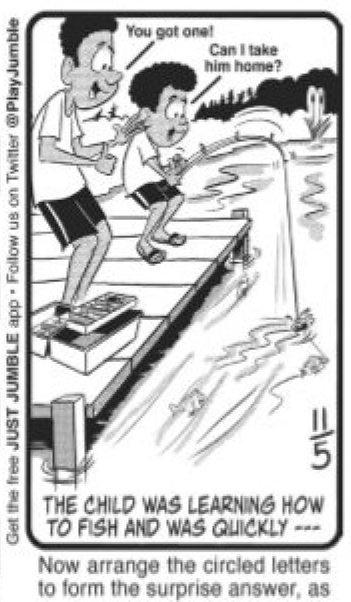
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You got one!
Can I take him home?
11/5
THE CHILD WAS LEARNING HOW TO FISH AND WAS QUICKLY ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ○○○○○○○○ ○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: WIPER TOTAL BAMBOO FEWEST
Answer: When the police station became infested with flies, everyone joined the — SWAT TEAM

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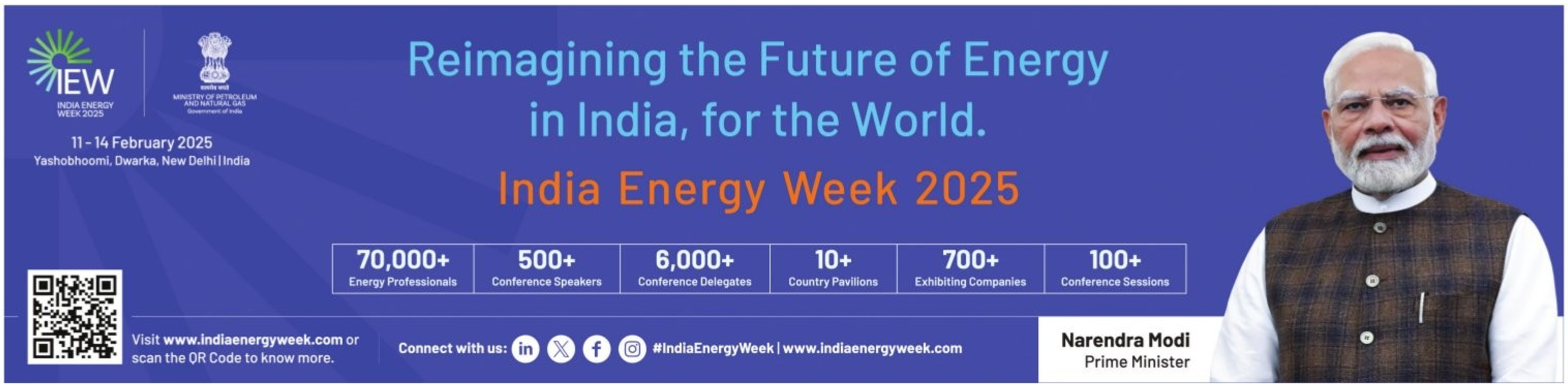
A 21-year-old medical student, Prajwal Basavaraj Bhasme, allegedly ended his life by jumping in front of a train near Suldhal in Belagavi. His family had lodged a missing person report at Gokak Rural police station three days ago. On Saturday around 9 pm, his body was discovered near the railway tracks. The authorities were able to identify him and contact his family by tracking his motorcycle's number that was parked nearby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CASTE DISCRIMINATION

HC STAYS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST IIMB DEAN, DIRECTOR, FACULTY

Prof had filed case against colleagues for harassment

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THE Karnataka High Court stayed the proceedings initiated by the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE) against the dean, director and faculty members of Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIMB), based on a complaint filed by Dr Gopal Das, associate professor of marketing, IIMB, alleging caste-based discrimination and humiliation of him.

"Section 7 (a) of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes (Reservation of Appointment etc) Rules, 1992, stipulates that the DCRE can prosecute a person who has obtained a caste certificate fraudulently and has no authority to enquire into the allegations of harassment of a person belonging to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe community. Therefore, the impugned notice issued by the DCRE prima-facie lacks authority," said Justice Hemant Chandangoudar in the interim order of stay passed recently.

The order was passed on a petition filed by Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director, Prof Dinesh Kumar, Dean-Faculty, and other faculty members such as prof Sreelata Jonnalagedda, Prof Rahul De, Prof Ashis Mishra and Prof Chetan Subramanian. The stay order for another petitioner, Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIMB, was passed on July 18.

All the petitioners questioned the entire proceedings initiated by the DCRE based on the complaint filed by Gopal Das. Further hearing was adjourned to the second week of January 2025.

Meanwhile, the director and others, against whom the First Information Report was registered on the same issue, recently moved the high court challenging it. The petition is yet to be heard.

State govt to challenge Darshan bail in SC

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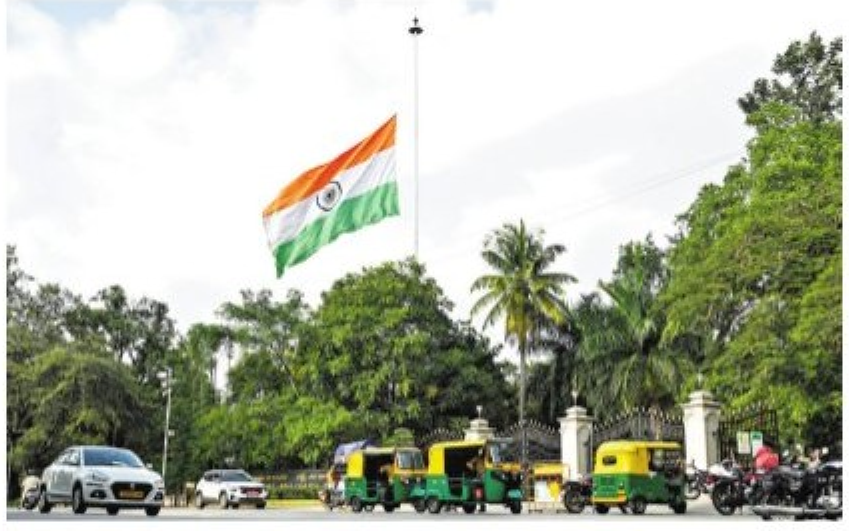
THE state Home Department has granted approval to file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court, challenging the bail granted to Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, Pavithra Gowda, and others in the Renukaswamy murder case.

In an order issued on Monday, the government sanctioned the filing of a SLP (criminal) before the Supreme Court against the Karnataka High Court's order dated December 13 granting bail to the accused in the Renukaswamy murder case.

The government appointed Anil C Nishani, a senior advocate at the Supreme Court, to challenge the bail. The order also directed the state public prosecutor to prepare the SLP to be filed before the Supreme Court. Additionally, Siddharth Luthra, a senior advocate, has been appointed as the special counsel to argue the special leave petition on behalf of the state.

Darshan, who had been in custody for several months, was granted interim bail on October 30 for medical reasons. On December 13, the High Court granted regular bail to Darshan and others in the Renukaswamy murder case.



A MARK OF RESPECT

The Tricolour at National Military Memorial in Bengaluru flies at half-mast following the 7-day state mourning declared for former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Assistant manager at TNIE passes away

Bengaluru: Nagaraj S, an assistant manager (IT) with The New Indian Express Group, passed away at the age of 48. He was critically injured in an accident on December 25, near the Electronics City bypass under Hebbagodi police station limits. Following the accident, he was admitted to Narayana Hospital in Electronics City, where he was undergoing treatment. The police suspect it to be a hit-and-run case and the vehicle involved in the fatal incident is yet to be traced. A native of Coimbatore, Nagaraj is survived by his mother and two sisters.

Ticket inspector dupes youths with false promises

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THE Vijayanagar police arrested a chief ticket inspector from the South Western Railway for allegedly cheating youths by promising to help them pass various government examinations in exchange for money. The accused has been identified as Govindaraju (49), a resident of Naagarabhaavi.

The police said Govindaraju was arrested based on a tip-off about his fraudulent activities and a complaint filed by Police Sub-Inspector Bheemashankar. Upon interrogating, Govindaraju revealed that he contacted candidates who appeared for exams like KAS, PDO, Village Accountant, and others through middlemen. He promised to help them pass the exams in exchange for money. The police also seized four mobile phones from him. Upon examining the devices, they discovered that Govindaraju demanded Rs 25 lakh to get through the PDO exam and Rs 50 lakh for the KAS prelims. He allegedly advised candidates to leave unknown questions blank, assuring them that the answers would be filled in later.

Additionally, Govindaraju had collected class 10 marks cards, graduation certificates, and cheques from candidates. The police uncovered evidence of 46 individuals, including their names, documents, and cheques, in his emails. Further, police sources said that Govindaraju has a history of involvement in similar cases, previously investigated by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police. Further investigations are on.

KSDL employee ends life over domestic row

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A 40-year-old Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) employee ended his life by hanging himself at his residence over a domestic row on Saturday. He was found holding a death note in his hand. The deceased Amruth Siriyuru was a resident of Muneshwara block in Mahalakshmi Layout and worked as an officer in the purchase department at KSDL.

Police sources said that Siriyuru was staying alone on the ground floor and was found hanging from the ceiling fan in the drawing room on Saturday evening. He was holding a death note in his hand, which stated that no one was responsible for his death.

After his first wife died, Siriyuru had married another woman in 2019, but the couple had been living separately and had filed for a divorce, which was pending before the family court. It is suspected that he took the extreme step due to domestic issues, said the Mahalakshmi Layout police.

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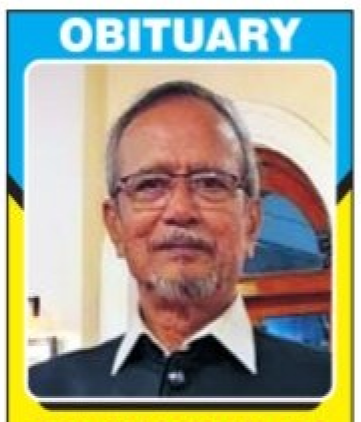
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SIDDARAMAIAH: THE CONG BULWARK

RAMU PATIL
ASST RESIDENT EDITOR

FROM taking the fight against the Centre's alleged 'step-motherly' treatment of Karnataka to the national capital, to giving Congress a 'Karnataka model' to bolster its fight against BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Siddaramaiah has been at the centre of power, influence and controversies. Being the Chief Minister, he draws attention by default. Yet, it has been a most eventful year for the 77-year-old leader. He was full of action for good or not-so-good reasons.

In the second year of his second stint as chief minister, he faced the toughest challenges in his over four-decade political career. Yet, he is growing strong. Siddaramaiah was almost projected as the poster boy of the party ahead of the Lok Sabha polls when Congress saw a glimmer of hope of a comeback at the Centre. Congress's central leaders harped on the Karnataka model of governance and its guarantee schemes.

Siddaramaiah remains its mainstay in Karnataka and has emerged as one of its most formidable regional satraps. He is among the handful of mass leaders with a pan-Karnataka appeal, and he has positioned himself as an indispensable leader for his party and the government.

He remained a strong critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and never let go of any opportunity to hit out at them. Though AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge hails from the state and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is a formidable number two in the government, Siddaramaiah has held his own. At times, it even looked as though his brand of politics was overriding that of the party. Such an approach landed the party in a tight spot in some instances, including issues relating to Waqf land and the Panchamasali Lingayat reservation.

While the opposition BJP accuses the CM of going overboard with his efforts to woo the minority community, the Waqf Board's over-enthusiasm to issue notices to property owners caused embarrassment to his party, even at the national level. The State Government's mishandling of the issue when the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 was in the Lok Sabha weakened Congress's stand against it. So much so that Karnataka emerged as the epicentre of the issue. BJP launched a statewide agitation. The Siddaramaiah government had to relent by announcing the withdrawal of notices issued to farmers.

Image takes a beating

In the last 12 months, Siddaramaiah had to deal with many challenges and his government was mired in controversies. The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites allotment case was a big setback for the CM. His image took a beating, although he claimed it was an attempt by the opposition to tarnish it.

In his first tenure as the CM, from 2013 to 2018, Siddaramaiah and his government faced many allegations, including alleged irregularities in the denotification of land in Arkavathy Layout in Bengaluru, and over a Hublot watch, reportedly worth Rs 75 lakh, gifted by a friend. He denied the allegations and swiftly ended the Hublot issue by handing the expensive watch to the Assembly Speaker to declare it as a state asset. However, that was not the case with MUDA sites. The CM's family returned the 14 sites allotted to them, but by then the damage was done. The Governor had permitted his prosecution, and the High Court upheld that decision and made scathing remarks. Now, Lokayukta officials are probing the case on the directions of a Special Court. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is also probing alleged irregularities in the MUDA while a petition seeking a CBI probe is filed in the High Court.

The multi-crore scam in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation was equally damaging for the CM and his government's image. Crores of rupees meant for the welfare of people from scheduled tribes were illegally transferred from the corporation bank accounts to private individuals, exposing the rot as well as the vulnerabilities in the system. B Nagendra, then Scheduled Tribes Welfare Minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, resigned and was arrested by the ED. Questions were also raised about the Finance department's failure to prevent such wrongdoings. The Finance portfolio is with the CM.

Winning streak

The party, under the leadership of Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, continued its winning streak in the elections. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Congress might not have done as well as it had expected, but its tally in the state went up from just one in 2019 to nine seats. However, the party lost most seats in Old Mysuru region, including Mysuru and Bengaluru Rural, the home turf of the CM and DyCM, respectively. Kalyan Karnataka region provided the party with a much-needed win. The LS polls were fought mainly on the issue of implementation of the guarantee schemes by the Siddaramaiah government and the Centre's alleged discrimination against the state in the devolution of funds.

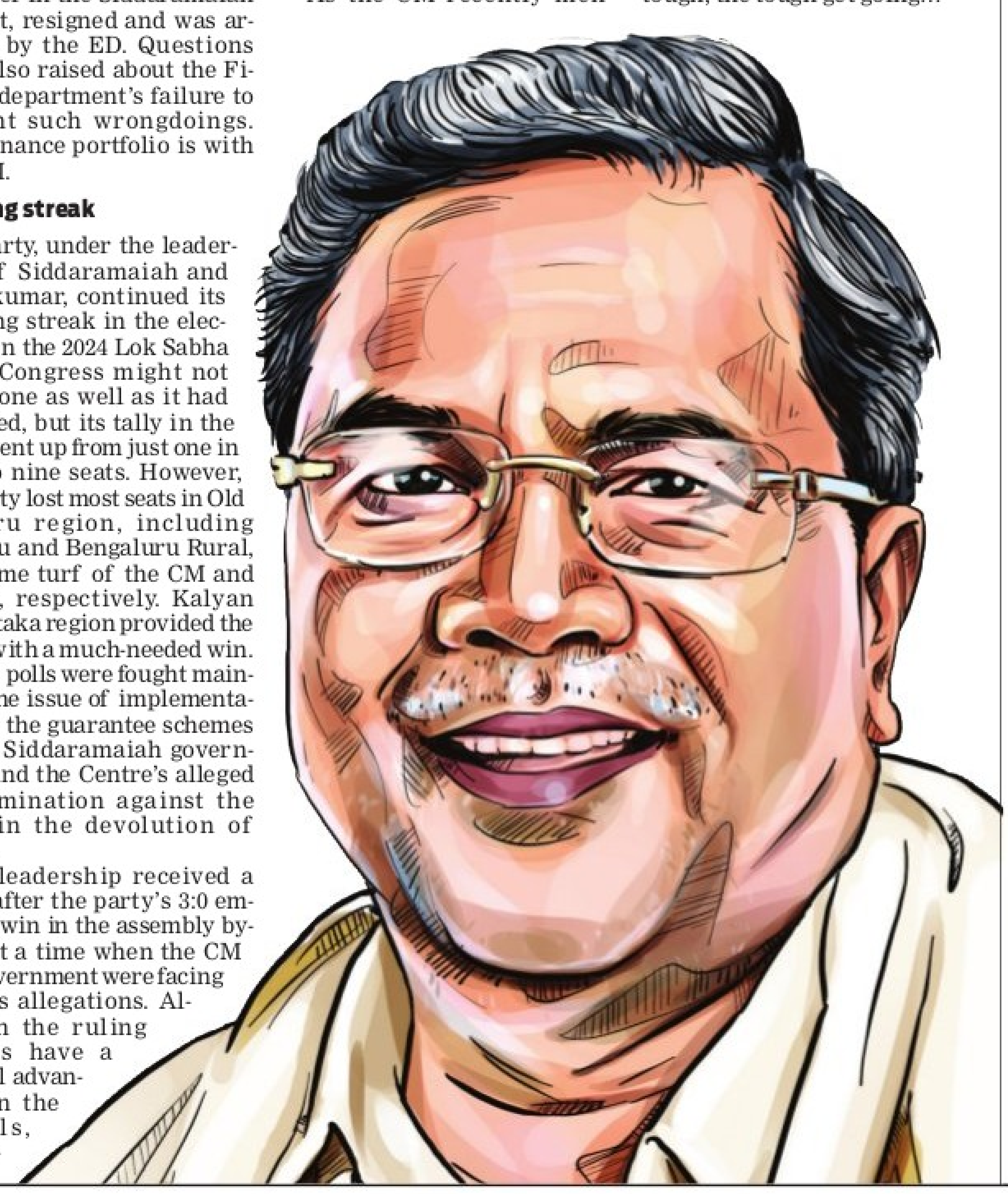
His leadership received a boost after the party's 3:0 emphatic win in the assembly bypolls at a time when the CM and government were facing serious allegations. Although the ruling parties have a natural advantage in the bypolls, considering the profile of the constituencies, it was still a reason for the Congress and CM to celebrate. Of the three seats the Congress won, two were previously represented by Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy and former CM and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai.

Guarantees vs development

As Karnataka's Special Representative in New Delhi and former Congress minister TB Jayachandra puts it, fiscal management and implementation of the guarantees were among the biggest achievements of Siddaramaiah. The flagship guarantee schemes are backed by budgetary allocation of around Rs 56,000 crore. While the long-term impact of such schemes on the economy needs to be assessed, the government recently claimed that the state's per capita GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) remains among the highest in India and its pro-people policies, including guarantees, ensured that benefits reached all sections of society.

As the CM recently mentioned, under guarantee schemes the government provides annual benefits of Rs 48,000 to Rs 60,000 to beneficiary families. Jayachandra, who has been closely working with Siddaramaiah, says the CM's experience in presenting a record 15 state budgets and his astuteness in handling state finances enabled him to manage funds for guarantees and development. However, on the flip side, the government faces allegations of ignoring infrastructure development.

As he bids adieu to a most eventful 2024, Siddaramaiah faces quite a few challenges and pitfalls, including ongoing cases and the party's internal dynamics. But as of now, none of them seem to have offset his rhythm. A lot depends on the outcome of the cases under investigation as that could alter the course of state politics and the political fortunes of Siddaramaiah. For now, he enjoys the trust of the party's top leadership and MLAs which makes him a force to reckon with. As they say, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going..."

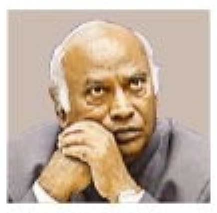


NEWSMAKERS

Game-changers to game-breakers: Making waves across the nation

Meet the year's most-talked-about individuals from Karnataka who hogged the headlines and shaped the most significant stories. From politicos to actors, these personalities left an indelible mark on the state and beyond. Their actions, decisions and works reverberated across the nation, grabbing extensive news reels and generating debates. For better or worse, they made a mark that will be visible for years to come.

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: CONSENSUS BUILDER



AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge played a crucial role in bringing I.N.D.I.A bloc partners together to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The Grand Old Party won 99 seats, significantly improving its performance compared to 44 seats in 2014 and 52 in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Though the bloc could not stop NDA from returning to power, they managed to restrict the BJP to 240 seats. In Karnataka, of the nine seats that the party won, five were from the Kalyan Karnataka region, including Kharge's home district Kalaburgi.

ARUN YOGIRAJ: CARVING A LEGACY

The consecration of the Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya threw the spotlight on Arun Yogiraj, a Mysuru-based sculptor who etched history into South India's ancient rock. An MBA graduate-turned-sculptor, Arun left his corporate job to follow the five-generation legacy of his family. His 28-ft Subhas Chandra Bose statue at India Gate earned praise from PM Narendra Modi, cementing his reputation as India's most sought-after sculptor. Entrusted with sculpting the Ram Lalla idol, Arun's artistry stands as a testament to heritage and devotion.

PRAJWAL REVANNA: FALL FROM GRACE

Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's grandson and JDS leader Prajwal Revanna landed the regional party in deep trouble during the Lok Sabha polls. Prajwal, who contested as the NDA candidate from Gowda's home turf Hassan LS seat lost the elections. The young leader is facing serious charges of sexual abuse and is in jail now. Videos that came out ahead of the Lok Sabha polls caused ripples in the political circles.

DARSHAN: 'THE DEVIL'

Darshan, an 'A' lister in the Kannada film industry known for his "rough and tough" characters, was reduced from hero to villain in real life. His arrest in the kidnap and murder case of Renukaswamy hit the headlines. While his arrest shocked his fans, the brutality meted out to Renukaswamy echoed more than the pictures could show. The star, currently out on bail, has the 'challenge' to come out clean in the case, as his fans eagerly wait for the 'Devil' (his next movie).

SHREYANKA PATIL: CRICKETER TO WATCH FOR

Known for her ability to deliver under pressure, Shreyanka Patil, who is among the nominees for the ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the year award for 2024, has quickly risen as one of India's most promising cricketers. The 22-year-old off-spinner from Bengaluru is celebrated for her match-winning skills, particularly her knack for taking crucial wickets and scoring vital runs. This year, Shreyanka played 13 T20Is, claiming 15 wickets and also took four wickets in just two ODIs. She also made headlines by becoming the first Indian to play in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), representing Brisbane Heat.

EVERY WEEK, TNIE REPORTERS TOOK A DIVE INTO PIVOTAL ISSUES THAT GRABBED THE EYEBALLS. EVERY TOPIC WAS COVERED INDEPTH, WITH REPORTERS FROM ALL BUREAUS ANALYSING A TOPIC IN MINUTE DETAIL. THE SEGMENT — BIG PICTURE — GAVE READERS A 360⁰ LOOK. HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME OF THE IMPORTANT SPECIAL REPORTS THAT HAD THE MOST IMPACT

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IT'S TIME TO TAKE CONTROL

Excessive social media usage is leading to mental health issues, and has impacted social skills and communications, warn experts

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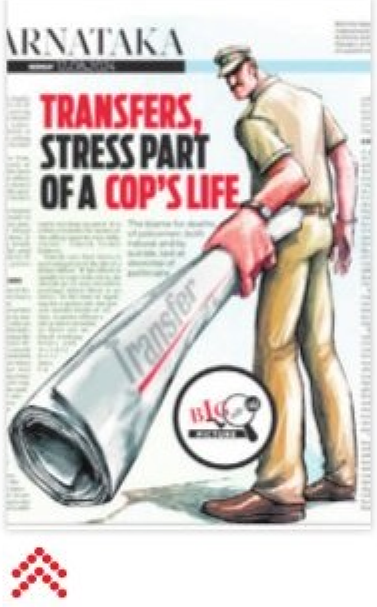

Political interference in police transfers does exist despite the existence of the Police Establishment Board set up with the sole purpose of bringing in transparency in police transfers and nullifying political interference, and the high stress levels faced by men in khaki.

PEOPLE POWER SAVES THE HILLS

Led by saffron-clad pontiffs of mutts, people have joined the mass movement against mining to save the hillocks of Kappatagudda

KALYANA KARNATAKA
WHERE DEVELOPMENT INDICES LAG

A look at the situation on the ground, challenges and developments in the Kalyan-Karnataka region since the implementation of Nanjundappa Committee recommendations in 2002 and after the amendment made to Article 371 for redressal of regional imbalance in this region

Whether it is a river, pond or sea, venturing into water has its risks, and it is only trained swimmers who have a chance of staying alive. It is selfie-obsessed tourists and travellers who are at risk

Death in treacherous waters

DESPITE GRACE MARKS, SSLC RESULTS BELOW PAR

Despite grace marks, SSLC results for 2023-24 are below par. Educationists term this largesse a face-saving measure for the government, flag deep-rooted issues like teacher shortage

FUTURE OF CRIME: AI & DEEPFAKES

Cybercrime trends show that in coming years, fraudsters will blur reality to loot vulnerable sectors by targeting their staffers

BEYOND THE RAM-HANUMAN CONNECTION

Districts across Karnataka share a deep connection with various aspects of Lord Ram's journey and the Ramayana

COLOURS OF DANGER

Chemicals are present all along the food chain, the increasing use of harmful additives, like artificial colours and preservatives, pose a number of health risks for the consumers

CURTAIN FALLS ON MOVIE DAYS

Romance of single-screen theatres has been replaced by "mall culture" and convenience of OTT, leading to their phaseout

Finish Line 2024

STORIES THAT MADE AN IMPACT

JANUARY 31, 2024

STORY: The Neolithic Ash Mounds located in Kudtini town in Ballari turned into a hub for illegal activities owing to lack of maintenance. The ash mounds are a protected site.

IMPACT: The state government ordered the Ballari district administration to take necessary action to save the site and the administration installed CCTVs and enchanced security.

FEBRUARY 21 , 2024

STORY: TNIE reported on harmful cancer-causing chemicals and use of Rhodamine-B, a textile dye used to give a pink hue in cotton candy, being used widely across Karnataka.

IMPACT: The health department issued an order prohibiting the usage of artificial colors in cotton candy, gobi manchurian and chicken kebab.

MARCH 6, 2024

STORY: In the world famous heritage site of Hampi in Vijayanagara district, there were no rooms for feeding and baby care. It caused inconvenience to visitors.

IMPACT: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) opened four baby feeding and children care units in Hampi.

APRIL 12, 2024

STORY: KR Market in Bengaluru lies beneath heaps of garbage, chaotic loading and unloading, generation and management of fruits and meat waste, and broken manholes.

IMPACT: The Lokayukta took cognisance of the issue and initiated necessary action.

APRIL 22, 2024

SCARCITY OF WATER A PRESSING CONCERN AMONG VOTERS HERE

Bad roads, slow progress of railway projects & lack of tourism development resonate deeply among voters in Chikkamagaluru

UDUPI-CHIKKAMAGALURU

STORY: A Scheduled Caste family in Jarkal in Brahmavara taluk, Udupi district, was deprived of piped water. The local panchayat officials had laid the main pipeline, but had delayed the last mile connection to their house.

IMPACT: Panchayat officials took steps to supply piped water to the family. The pipe was laid under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

APRIL 29, 2024

STORY: The BBMP's waste management plant in a BDA Layout became a headache for Banashankari 6th stage residents owing to the foul smell emanating from it.

SWM plant torments B'shankari residents

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A BDA layout that was supposed to have a park larger than Lalbagh, supplying fresh air to the residents, is now suffocating them with a foul smell emanating from the BBMP's solid waste management

tonnes of waste. However, the foul odour originating from the plant has caused serious health concerns among residents. Particularly senior citizens have reported experiencing breathing problems due to the toxic smell. Apart from residents, the odour extending

Ravi NK, a businessman, said the leachate from the waste accumulated at the plant seeps into the nearby Sompura Lake. During rainfall, it becomes connected to the Kaveri line. Once surrounded by flora and fauna, the area is devastated by the waste unit.

IMPACT: Taking cognisance of the issue highlighted regarding the challenges faced by residents, the Upalokayukta took up a suo moto case.

MAY 9, 2024

STORY: TNIE highlighted how the mortuary at KR Hospital in Mysuru has been grappling with a major setback: Its cold storage units has been non-operational, which had led to a pungent odor permeating in the area, much to the dismay of visitors.

IMPACT: The Dean and director of MMCRI served notice to the officials concerned and fixed the unit for smooth operation.

MAY 22, 2024

Ambulance shortage plagues

HIK KK @Mysuru

remote villages along the ers of Chamarajanagar ict are facing severe chals owing to the unavailabilf operational ambulance ices, causing significant ship for residents.

r the past six months, the lance at the Hanur Primaealth Centre (PHC) in HaTaluk has been out of serv- leaving the villagers out a crucial lifeline. The tion in MM Hills is equally with the ambulance, which purchased a decade ago, useless due to the lack of , that has been parked in the PHC. The only opera-

tional ambulance is the one that belongs to Kowdahalli PHC, but it takes time to cover all these places and is usually operation-

al for emergency s These mechan have left villagers times of medical

A woman who delivered a baby in a car being brought to Hanur Prima

STORY: A TNIE report on shortage of ambulances plaguing border villages of Chamarajanagara causing hardship for residents.

IMPACT: After TNIE reported the story, an ambulance was stationed in Hanur taluk to help the residents.

JULY 20, 2024

STORY: A heap of garbage was dumped on the road near Vidhana Soudha's Gate 2 in Bengaluru. Lawmakers attending the monsoon session earlier this year were greeted by the unpleasant sight of the garbage.

IMPACT: BBMP authorities responded promptly and sent a team to clear the waste.

OCTOBER 19, 2024

STORY: Officials at the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited in Mysuru have been allegedly found hoarding vast quantities of essential medical supplies—particularly gloves—while misleading government hospitals into believing there were no available stocks.

IMPACT: A statement issued by the health department and the KSMSCL MD stated, "A probe will be conducted to ensure the proper functioning of warehouse operations."

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

STORY: A TNIE report highlighted that auto meters are not being used by drivers in Davanagere. The report also stressed on auto drivers demanding excess fare.

IMPACT: The district road transport authority directed all autorickshaw owners and drivers to fix meters on their auto's within a month, failing which they will have to pay a fine of Rs 5,000.

AUGUST 16, 2024

STORY: TNIE reported about an abandoned bus in Dharwad, which was parked along the road for the last 17 years. The bus became a haven stray dogs, pigs and illegal activities. Residents were exhausted requesting authorities, ministers and others concerned.

IMPACT: The bus was removed after the issue was brought to the notice of deputy commissioner and concerned police officer. The records were found and the bus was lifted by the Excise department.

SEPTEMBER 2,2024

STORY: TNIE reported on tribals carrying a youth's body on a cloth stretcher for 2 km. Tribals of Konegodu village in Kalsa taluk faced a lot of faced hardship to transport sick people to hospitals

Tribals carry youth's body in cloth stretcher for 2 km

B THIPPERUDRAPPA @Chikkamagaluru

IMPACT: Justice Ontugodi, member of the State Human rights Commission visited the village and heard the grievances of the families. He assured them of bringing this to the notice of officials concerned. Also, Revenue officials visited the village. Now, the road work has started.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

STORY: The road near Kadirenahalli underpass, leading to Bendrenagar and Kadirenahalli in Bengaluru, is littered with garbage. Residents also complained that BBMP's garbage collection vehicles are left parked unattended.

IMPACT: Following the report -- BBMP Apathy: Garbage Littered on Road Next to Kadirenahalli Underpass -- the Karnataka Lokayukta inspected the area and ordered BBMP officials to clear the mess.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

STORY: TNIE reported about a weak railway bridge in Dharwad district posing a threat to motorists.

IMPACT: Following the publication of the story, officials concerned decided to inspect the all such railway bridges in South Western Railway division.

DECEMBER 14, 2024

Miscreants deface historical structure at Jodu Kalasa in Sudi; action sought

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

MISCREANTS are targeting neglected historical temples and deface them in the absence of people in Gadag. Some miscreants recently defaced the bottom portion of Kalyani Chalukya twin-towered temple which was built in the 10th century.

The incident happened late Friday night and the reason for the damage is not yet known. This may be because of greed that they may get something or because of the sadist mentality but people requested the department concerned to punish the wrong-doers. Sudi is 30 km from historic Badami city.

This is not a new thing but such acts did not come to the notice till historians look at each

A part of Jodu Kalasa temple was defaced by unknown people at Sudi

STORY: TNIE reported about miscreants defacing the 10-century temples of Kalyani Chalukyas in Gadag.

IMPACT: Following the report, the CMO took note of it and directed officials to rectify it.

NIA COURT

Bangla man gets 7-year jail for terror activities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) Special Court, Bengaluru, on Monday sentenced Bangladeshi national Jahidul Islam alias Kausar to seven years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a series of cases relating to promotion of the activities of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh India (JMB-India).

Jahidul has also been fined Rs 57,000 in cases connected with offences of dacoity, conspiracy and raising funds, as well as procurement of ammunition. With this, a total of 11 accused have been convicted in these cases.

The initial case was registered by Bengaluru City Police in June 2019, based on information generated by NIA during investigation of the Burdwan blast case of the agency's Kolkata branch office. NIA subsequently registered the case and initiated a probe, along with the connected dacoity cases.

As per NIA investigations, Jahidul, the JMB Amir of India, along with absconding JMB head Salauddin Salehin had illegally crossed over into India in 2014, after escaping the custody of Bangladesh police in connection with the 2005 serial blasts there. While in hiding, he and his associates were involved in the October 2014 Burdwan blast case.

After the blast, Jahidul and his aides fled to Bengaluru, where he radicalised and recruited gullible Muslim youth from West Bengal and Assam to further anti-India activities of JMB. The accused and his associates had also carried out the blast in Bodh Gaya in January 2018.

NIA investigations had further revealed that the accused and his associates had also conspired to raise funds through dacoity to further the activities of JMB. In 2018, they had committed four dacoities in Bengaluru as part of this agenda, and used the looted money to procure ammunition, and arrange hideouts and training to carry out terror activities.

Security lapses blamed for Kerala MLA's accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

SERIOUS security lapses led to the accident that caused grievous injuries to Thrikkakara MLA Uma Thomas while attending a mega dance event at Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium in Kochi, said police. The Palarivattom police on Monday registered a case against the event organisers and the contractor who built the dais at the stadium gallery.

Thrissur-based event management firm, Oscar Events, and Wayanad-based Mridangavision had organised the event on Sunday.

Kochi City Police Commissioner Putta Vimaladitya said the preliminary investigation indicated certain lapses on the part of organisers. "The probe revealed that certain terms and conditions stated in the agreement made between Mridangavision and the Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA) for hiring the stadium were not followed. We are in touch with other departments to check whether the organisers had taken their permission. We are conducting a detailed probe by coordinating with other government departments. The forensic team and structural engineers of public works department (PWD) checked the stadium. All aspects into the security lapses will be checked," Vimaladitya told reporters on Monday.

Oscar Events manager Krishnakumar was the signatory on the agreement between Mridangavision and GCDA. Mridangavision managing director is Nighosh Kumar.

The police interrogated Krishnakumar, Mridangavision CEO Shameer Abdul Rasheem and Mulanthuruthy native Benny, who built the stage. "We have registered a case against the organisers and the contractorwho built the stage. Currently, bailable offences are charged against the accused persons. ," Vimaladitya said.

According to police sources, the organisers had not taken permission from GCDA to install a dais on the gallery. Even after the accident, the event continued without taking enough security measures, they said.

"Usually when such an event attended by a large crowd is organised, the PWD examines the structural changes made by organisers. However, PWD or engineers of GCDA were not informed about setting up the stage. The dais erected at a height of 15ft hardly had enough space to seat eight persons. The dais was to be occupied by more than 10 persons. The stage was not barricaded to prevent the accident that happened to Uma Thomas," an officer conducting the investigation said.

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> Investigation Officer

EXPRESS READ

Vijaya Bharathi Vidyalaya hosts FIT India Sports Week

Bengaluru: Vijaya Bharathi Vidyalaya, in collaboration with Sports Authority of India (SAI), hosted the FIT India Sports Week at their school premises in Girinagar from December 23 to 28. The event, promoted by the Government of India, aimed to encourage physical fitness and sports among students. The valedictory on December 28 featured a victory march and lowering of the flag. A key highlight was the 'Meet the Champion' session with Ajeet Singh Yadav, a paralympic World Champion and gold medalist in javelin at the Paris Olympics earlier this year. The event also showcased models of sports fields that highlighted the evolution of sports over time.

AN OFFICIAL MEET

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella called on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the latter's residence in Hyderabad on Monday. Nadella and the CM discussed the development of Hyderabad into a leading city in the world in the technology domain | EXPRESS

Install loudspeakers for differently-abled in buses: HC to RTCs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DIRECTING state-run transport corporations to operate audio announcement systems (AAS) in buses for the benefit of differently-abled persons, the Karnataka High Court said the loudspeaker system should be operated to guide differently-abled persons to facilitate their movement to enter and exit buses at different bus-stops, at the points of embarkment and destination.

Directing the respondents -- the state government and its transport corporations -- to introduce advanced technological equipment and facilities in this regard, the court said local authorities should earmark sufficient funds in the budgetary provision for this scheme to be continuously operated. Within the next two years, the state government should ensure that the AAS is operated for the benefit of persons with disability and made available at all major bus stops and points in each district and taluka, to be expanded for its coverage, the court said.

The division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind issued these directions while disposing of a public interest litigation filed in 2022 by visually impaired advocate N Shreyas and Shreyas Global Trust for Social Cause, represented by its CEO Kruthika N.

The court also said that a team of supervising employees should be deployed at major points/bus stops to physically guide, assist and help persons with disability so that they can have the benefits effectively and fruitfully.

The court noted with satisfaction that the authorities are re-engaged in providing convenience and the right to accessibility by commencing audio announcement facility at bus stops, which was earlier discontinued.

KSRTC fares were last revised in 2020: Official

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"BMTC fares were revised in 2014. Fares of KSRTC, KKRTC and NWKRTC were revised in 2020. The government has not increased the fares since then," said a top official from one of the bus corporations.

He said prices of fuel, spare parts and tyres have increased and most of the revenue generated went towards salaries of employees. "Over 45% of the revenue generated is spent on diesel. When bus fares were revised last time in KSRTC, the diesel price was Rs 61 per litre. Fares have remained the same, while the price of diesel is around Rs 90 per litre now," he said.

When bus fares were revised in 2020, KSRTC spent around Rs 3 crore per day on fuel. However, due to the increase in fuel prices, the corporations are now spending over Rs 5 crore a day. The intention of all four bus corporations is to serve people and not to burden them. However, they have been forced to go for a fare hike in view of the rising operational costs, the official said.

He said the government is also positive about the fare hike and it will be revised this time to keep the corporations afloat. The RTC unions, which had threatened to go on an indefinite strike, too have demanded that the fares be revised.

Stalker sentenced to death for murdering girl

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

A special court in Chennai on Monday sentenced a 28-year-old man for brutally murdering a college student by pushing her in front of a moving train in Chennai in 2022, by considering the gravity and nature of the crime.

Mahila Court judge J Sridevi pronounced the quantum of sentence three days after finding D Sathish guilty of the crime, which was investigated by the CB-CID.

"The accused is sentenced to death and be hanged by the neck till he is dead," the judge said in the order. However, the order for capital punishment is subject to confirmation by the Madras High Court, she added, and ordered submission of the entire case records to the HC immediately. Sathish, who was 26 at the time of the murder, was also sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three years for harassing the victim, M Sathya. A combined fine of ₹35, 000 was also imposed on him.

The prosecution had presented the case as the 'rarest of rare' and accordingly placed the evidence in the court. It stated that the convict had harassed her continuously, leading to police complaints, before ending in the crime which was premeditated. The CCTV footage revealed that after pushing her in front of the train, Sathish had leaned forward from the platform to confirm whether she was crushed to death once the train had left the station.

The judge ordered a compensation of ₹10 lakh, to be paid within 30 days, for the younger sisters of the victim for the mental trauma they have suffered, apart from directing a payment of ₹25,000 out of the fine of ₹35,000 to them.

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IT'S CURTAINS ON 2024! THE YEAR SAW MYRIAD ISSUES — SOME JOYFUL AND A FEW HEART-WRENCHING — WORTH BEING CAPTURED BY SHUTTERBUGS. *THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS* SHARES SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT SHAPED THE YEAR...

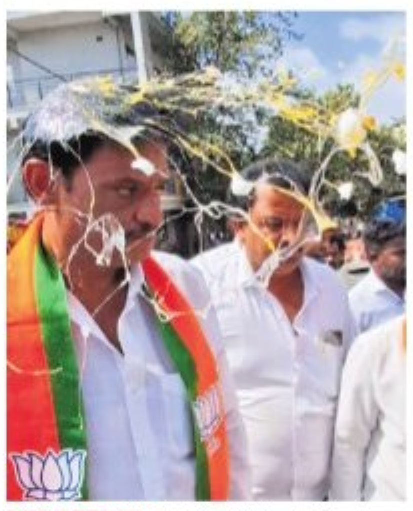
THROUGH THE LENS

FROM NO WATER TO UNDER WATER: Bengaluru and south-interior Karnataka was in the grip of an unprecedented drought this summer with temperatures crossing 40° C in most parts. Long queues of people waiting to fetch water from tankers were a common scene in the Garden City. And fast forward to monsoon, parts of the IT City were marooned. Though heavy rain contributed to flooding, encroachments of water bodies and clogged drains caused most damage | ALLEN EGENUSE J

LIKE A PACK OF CARDS: Nine people died after an under-construction building collapsed in Bengaluru's Babusa Palya (October 22) | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

MUDA HEAT: CM Siddaramaiah, who is facing allegations of illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by MUDA, leaves the Lokayukta office in Mysuru after questioning (Nov 6) | UDAYASHANKAR S

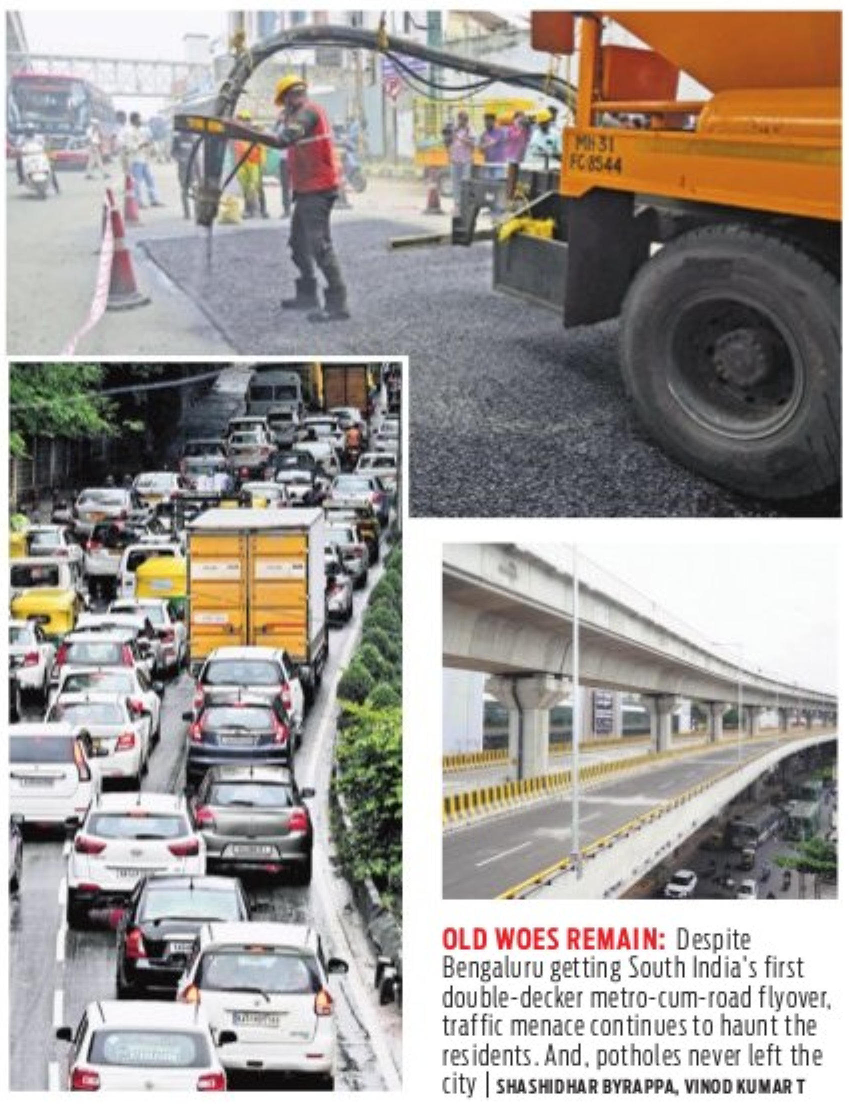
WINTER CHAOS: Police in Belagavi detain BJP MLC CT Ravi from Suvarna Vidhana Soudha on the last day of the winter session (December 19) for his alleged defamatory remarks against Congress Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar | EXPRESS



EGG ATTACK: BJP MLA Munirathna hit by an egg launched by a miscreant, in Bengaluru on December 25 | EXPRESS

IN UNISON: BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) joined hands to face the Congress in Karnataka ahead of this year's Lok Sabha elections. And after NDA got a majority in the Lower House, JDS' HD Kumaraswamy entered the Modi Cabinet | UDAYASHANKAR S

IN THE SOUP: Former JDS MP Prajwal Revanna being taken to Bowing Hospital in Bengaluru (May 31) after he was arrested on charges of sexual assault upon his arrival from Germany at Kempegowda International Airport | NAGARAJA GADEKAL



OLD WOES REMAIN: Despite Bengaluru getting South India's first double-decker metro-cum-road flyover, traffic menace continues to haunt the residents. And, potholes never left the city | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, VINOD KUMAR T

HELPING ANGEL: Annapoorna, a differently-abled woman who works at Vidhana Soudha, gives a drop to Mallikarjun in her motorised wheelchair. Mallikarjun, also a differently-abled person from Vijayapura, had come to meet the CM. Annapoorna appealed to the authorities for a wheelchair for visitors at Soudha (October 22) | VINOD KUMAR T

A STATESMAN NO MORE: Karnataka lost its former chief minister SM Krishna on December 10. A gentleman politician, Krishna also served as External Affairs Minister during the UPA regime under Dr Manmohan Singh. Here, his wife Prema bids a final adieu to her husband | UDAYASHANKAR S

THREAT IN THE AIR: Dengue scare gripped Bengaluru this year like never before. Here, a man fogs the Press Club premises to kill mosquitoes | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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WPL CHAMPIONS 2024
QATAR AIRWAYS

EE SALA (NEXT SALA) CUP NAMDE: While RCB lifted the trophy in this year's Women's Premier League, it was yet another year sans cup for the men in the Indian Premier League | VINOD KUMAR T

THE RAMESHWARAM CAFE

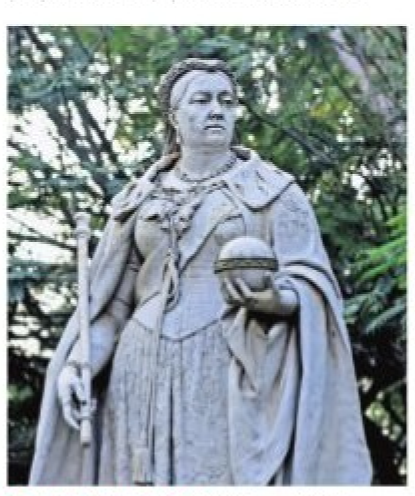
WHEN FEAR STRIKES: A policeman stands outside The Rameshwaram Cafe in Whitefield, Bengaluru, a day after a bomb ripped through the popular eatery injuring several people (March 2) | ALLEN EGENUSE J

UNIQUE PROTEST: Police take away a Ganesha idol during an agitation against Nagamangala riots in Bengaluru (September 13) | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

UNSAFE GHATS: A devastating landslide struck NH-66 in Shirur near Ankola in Uttara Kannada district claiming 11 lives (July 16) | D HEMANTH

IN SUPPORT: ISKCON devotees protest against the arrest of Chinmaya Krishnadas Brahmachari and others in Bangladesh (Dec 1) | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

STAR IN DOCK: Actor Darshan, arrested on June 11 for his alleged involvement in the kidnap and murder of his fan Renukaswamy, being brought to a court in Bengaluru (June 15) | EXPRESS



MISSING 'JEWEL': Walkers at Cubbon Park were shocked to see Queen Victoria's crown missing. Later, fragments of the crown were found scattered at the base (Dec 16) | VINOD KUMAR T

Former prime minister Manmohan Singh, the architect of economic reforms, passed away on December 26. His funeral was held at Delhi's Nigambodh Ghat with full state honours on December 28. The government also announced a seven-day mourning period in honour of the veteran leader.

POLL POLITICS & PROTAGONISTS

The newspaper takes a look at the year that was, what it held for politics, and what made the headlines — both for right and wrong reasons

BILLED as the super year of elections, 2024 saw 64 nations across the world going to polls. In India, there were the Lok Sabha election, eight assembly elections and several bypolls.

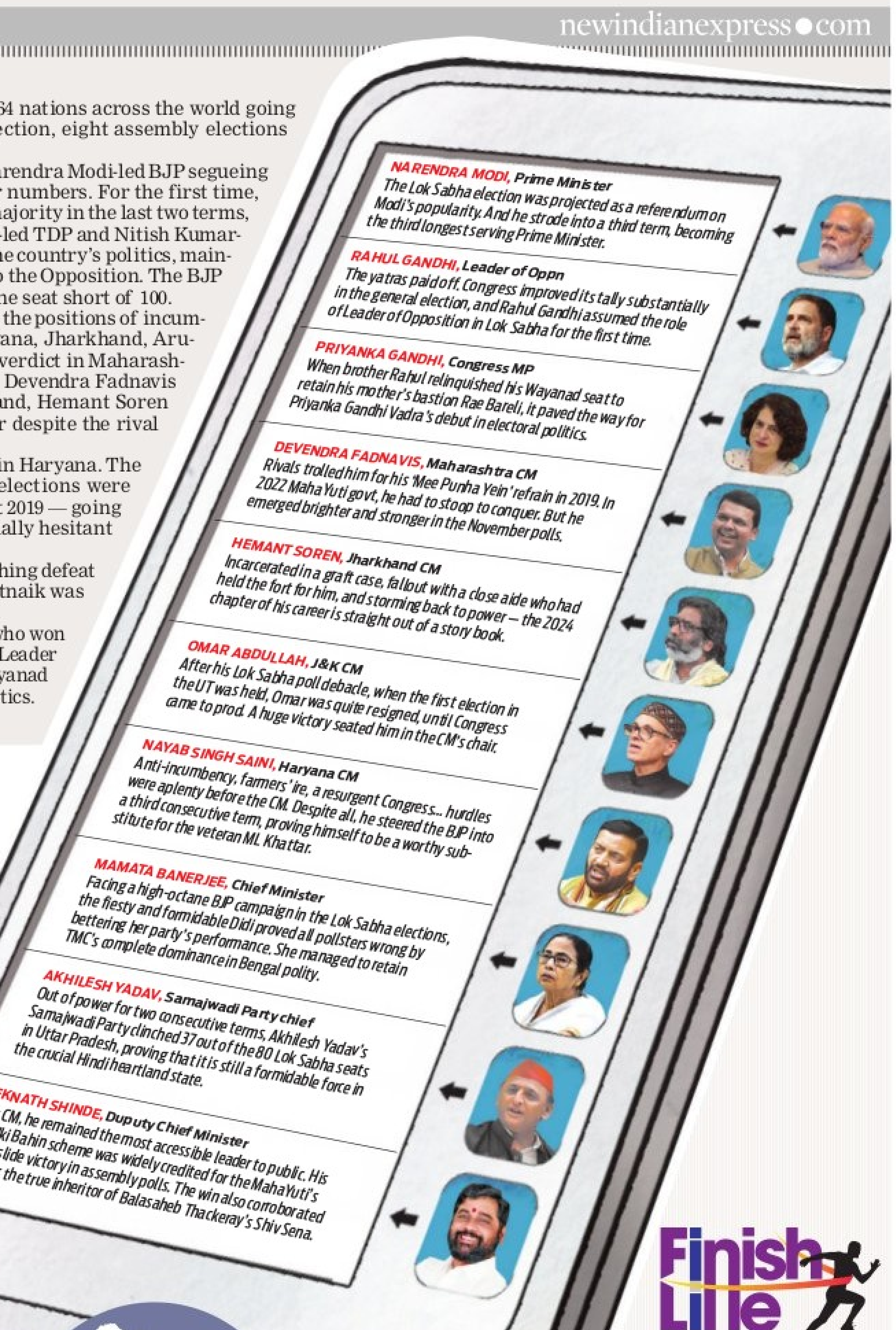
The general elections held in April-May saw Narendra Modi-led BJP segueing into a third consecutive term, albeit with lesser numbers. For the first time, the saffron party, which wielded an undisputed majority in the last two terms, had to onboard two coalition partners — Chandrababu-led TDP and Nitish Kumar-led JD(U). The mandate also proved to be a leveller in the country's politics, maintaining the BJP's dominance while giving more teeth to the Opposition. The BJP secured 240 seats and the main Opposition Congress one seat short of 100.

Among the assembly elections, the verdicts cemented the positions of incumbent governments in five states — Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Curiously, the November verdict in Maharashtra saw Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis switch roles, but not without high drama. In Jharkhand, Hemant Soren consolidated his image as the state's true tribal leader despite the rival camp's 'outsider' taunts during election campaigns.

In October, Nayab Singh Saini too proved his mettle in Haryana. The same month saw Jammu and Kashmir — where all elections were suspended since the scrapping of Article 370 in August 2019 — going to polls once again after the hiatus, catapulting an initially hesitant Omar Abdullah to the chief minister's chair.

In Odisha, the regional superpower BJD faced a crushing defeat under the BJP juggernaut. The five-time CM Naveen Patnaik was ousted after an uninterrupted 24-year rule.

The Congress camp saw two firsts — Rahul Gandhi, who won the Wayanad and Rae Bareli seats, assumed the role of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha. The ensuing bypoll in Wayanad marked Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's entry in electoral politics.



NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister
The Lok Sabha election was projected as a referendum on Modi's popularity. And he strode into a third term, becoming the third longest serving Prime Minister.

RAHUL GANDHI, Leader of Oppn
The yatras paid off. Congress improved its tally substantially in the general election, and Rahul Gandhi assumed the role of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha for the first time.

PRIYANKA GANDHI, Congress MP
When brother Rahul relinquished his Wayanad seat to retain his mother's bastion Rae Bareli, it paved the way for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's debut in electoral politics.

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, Maharashtra CM
Rivals trolled him for his 'Mee Punha Yein' refrain in 2019. In 2022 Maha Yuti govt, he had to stoop to conquer. But he emerged brighter and stronger in the November polls.

HEMANT SOREN, Jharkhand CM
Incarcerated in a graft case, fallout with a close aide who had held the fort for him, and storming back to power — the 2024 chapter of his career is straight out of a story book.

OMAR ABDULLAH, J&K CM
After his Lok Sabha poll debacle, when the first election in the UT was held, Omar was quite resigned, until Congress came to prod. A huge victory seated him in the CM's chair.

NAYAB SINGH SAINI, Haryana CM
Anti-incumbency, farmers' ire, a resurgent Congress... hurdles were aplenty before the CM. Despite all, he steered the BJP into a third consecutive term, proving himself to be a worthy substitute for the veteran ML Khattar.

MAMATA BANERJEE, Chief Minister
Facing a high-octane BJP campaign in the Lok Sabha elections, the fiesty and formidable Didi proved all pollsters wrong by bettering her party's performance. She managed to retain TMC's complete dominance in Bengal polity.

AKHILESH YADAV, Samajwadi Party chief
Out of power for two consecutive terms, Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party clinched 37 out of the 80 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh, proving that it is still a formidable force in the crucial Hindi heartland state.

EKNATH SHINDE, Duputy Chief Minister
As CM, he remained the most accessible leader to public. His Ladki Bahin scheme was widely credited for the MahaYuti's landslide victory in assembly polls. The win also corroborated him as the true inheritor of Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena.

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UTTAR PRADESH

Ram temple consecration, mandir-masjid rows

The year opened on a religious note with the consecration of Ram Lalla in the Ayodhya temple in January. Later, an ASI report established the presence of a pre-existing Hindu temple under the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi, and the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah dispute cropped up as well. Mid-February saw massive student protests over paper leak during the constable recruitment exam. In March, the death of jailed gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari due to cardiac arrest grabbed the headlines. Two communal flare-ups, one at Bahraich in October and another at Sambhal in November shook the state. In the last leg, a sitting HC judge caused flutter with his political speech.

WEST BENGAL

'Where the mind is without fear...'

At the stroke of the midnight hour on August 15, thousands of people thronged the streets of West Bengal, with songs of resistance and calls for justice for the trainee doctor of RG Kar Hospital, who was raped and murdered while on duty. The brutal murder at a government hospital finally restored the voice of a population that had for long remained complicit to enduring violence. An entire generation of disenfranchised people stormed into the streets yearning for a life without fear. What came about was a watershed, surrounding the question of women and workplace security, exposing the rot proliferating the system. As the year turns to a close, much of that zeal has dissipated into the monotony of injustice. The CBI, the flag-bearers of justice, is yet to chargesheet some of the key accused in the RG Kar rape-murder.

PRINCIPAL
RGKAR PROPHET
NEW PRINCIPAL OF RGKAR MISSING
WE WANT JUSTICE

PUNJAB

Setbacks mark political landscape, SAD story

Punjab's political landscape was marked by an upheaval, with the Aam Aadmi Party facing setbacks in Lok Sabha and civic polls despite key bypoll victories. Congress dominated, winning seven of 13 LS seats, while AAP secured three. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) faced internal rebellion, with leader Sukhbir Singh Badal undergoing religious penance mandated by the Akal Takht, and narrowly missing the bullet shot by a former militant. Farmers intensified protests demanding a legal guarantee for the minimum support price on crops, with marches blocked at state borders. Tardy paddy procurement further fuelled discontent among farmers. BJP remained ineffective, with state chief Sunil Jakhar stepping back post-poll losses.

NORTHEAST

Ganges river dolphin, Bryan Adams concert

The gun did not fall silent in Manipur in 2024, even 18 months after the ethnic violence broke out. In sharp contrast, there was absolute peace elsewhere in the Northeast. The first serious effort to restore peace was initiated in Jiribam on August 1, when Meitei and Hmar leaders met at a CRPF facility, though the agreement was short-lived. What followed was a series of civilian killings and arson attacks, and irate mob attacks on homes of Imphal Valley-based legislators. There are no signs of reconciliation yet and the wounds still remain deep. Other headlines from the Northeast included the first-geotagging of a Ganges river dolphin in Assam, a Bryan Adams concert in Meghalaya, and protests against a proposed hydro-power project in Arunachal Pradesh.

MAHARASHTRA

A complete political turnaround

The highlight of the year was the MahaYuti alliance's landslide victory in the assembly elections, just six months after a drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls. The Opposition Maha Vikas Agadi (MVA) had won 30 out of the 48 parliamentary seats during the general elections. But in a complete turnaround during the Assembly polls, the MahaYuti — consisting of the BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and Ajit Pawar's NCP faction — secured 230 out of the 281 seats. In contrast, the MVA comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP (SP), could garner only 46 seats. Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as CM for a third.

JHARKHAND

Champai's fallout, Kalpana's rise

Jharkhand plunged into a political crisis when CM Hemant Soren was jailed in a graft case. Two results ensued: Champai Soren, who held the fort, was disenchanted when Hemant wrested back power after his release, and joined BJP. Two, the state saw the rise of a new woman tribal leader in Hemant's wife Kalpana Soren. The year also saw the launch of Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojana, under which all women aged 21-50 years receive an aid of `2,500 a month.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

High poll percentage amid dip in militancy

The first assembly election after the abrogation of Article 370 saw an unprecedented poll percentage of 63.9%, as people overwhelmingly came out to vote without fear. This was also the first election since 1990, that was bereft of boycott calls from militants or separatists. The Valley also saw further decline in militancy compared to the previous years, though two major militant attacks on civilians took place: In June, militants attacked a pilgrim bus in Reasi, killing nine persons. In October, terrorists stormed into a construction site of AFCO Infra in Ganderbal, killing seven people. The security forces killed one militant in an encounter. Stone peltings have dropped significantly. As 2024 draws to a close, the Valley is facing a severe power crisis in the bone-chilling cold of Chilai Kalan, the 40-day harsh winter period.

UTTARAKHAND

Impending UCC, forest fires, drop in tiger deaths

In 2024, Uttarakhand became the first state in India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, with implementation expected in January 2025. Apart from this major development, the hill state also faced a staggering rise in forest fire incidents, reporting over 21,000 cases across its 13 districts — a 293% increase compared to 2023. However, this surge in forest fires had no noticeable impact on the scenic state's tourism sector, which attracted 6.5 crore visitors to its hill stations and religious sites. The Himalayan state is also known for its wildlife. Uttarakhand saw a significant decline in tiger mortality in 2024, with only eight deaths reported during the year, marking a remarkable 62% drop from the 21 deaths recorded in 2023.

HIMACHAL

Of cross-votes, jungli murga, samosas & toilet tax

The Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu-led Congress government survived a BJP bid to topple it by engineering cross-voting during the February Rajya Sabha polls. This led to the disqualification of six Congress MLAs, who later fought bypolls on BJP ticket. While Congress managed to win six of the nine seats in the bypolls, the simultaneous general elections saw BJP sweeping all four seats, and mark the political entry of Kangana Ranaut from Mandi seat. The state was hit by a financial crisis, delaying payments for 2.15 lakh employees and 90,000 pensioners in September. Some unsavoury controversies cropped up over claims of the CM prompting aides to eat the endangered jungli murga, a CID probe into the missing samosas at an official event and reports of a `25 toilet tax.

LONGEST BRIDGE

● Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, the longest bridge in India that connects Mumbai with Navi Mumbai, on January 12 .

MISSILE TEST

● The Defence Research and Development Organisation conducted a successful flight-trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on November 16

CHALO INDIA

● Chalo India, a global campaign that seeks to make Indian diaspora members ambassadors of Incredible India, was announced in September. Under this, 1 lakh foreign tourists will be exempted from visa fee in the coming times

WORLD HERITAGE

● Moidams — the mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty in Assam — in Charaideo district was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in July

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

● In October, the Union government granted classical language status to five languages — Bengali, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, and Assamese — taking the number of classical languages to 11

RIVER-LINKING

● On December 25, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation for the ambitious Ken-Betwa river linking project, which plans to transfer excess water from the Ken river to the Betwa river to address concerns of irrigation in arid Bundelkhand of Madhya Pradesh

SOLAR MISSION

● India's solar mission, Aditya-L1, was inserted into its orbit on January 6. On July 2, the Aditya-L1 spacecraft completed its first halo orbit around the Sun-Earth L1 point. It takes 178 days to complete a revolution around the L1 point.

CHHATTISGARH

A 'final solution' to Maoist menace in Bastar

Every now and then, a dozen odd bodies are recovered from the forest, riddled with bullets. The uniforms identify them as left wing extremists, unearthing their weapons, propaganda. "Zero tolerance towards Maoists," the home minister declares, "The country will be free from the Maoist problem by March 2026." In the remote tribal belt of Bastar, 219 Maoists were neutralised by security forces in separate encounters this year, a staggering spike from the mere 50 eliminated in 2022 and 2023 combined. Parallelly, the Nagarnar steel plant in Bastar produces over 2 MT of hot metal, in the name of 'sustainable industrial development'.

RAJASTHAN

BJP comeback amid Gehlot-Pilot divide

Rajasthan was turbulent with major political shifts. The BJP rode on its December 2023 state polls victory, but the euphoria faded by summer. Despite dominating the state's 25 LS seats in the past two general elections, BJP lost 11 seats this time. Controversies plagued the government one after another. First, agriculture minister Kirori Lal Meena criticised own government, reportedly after denied a prominent cabinet position. Then, education minister Madan Dilawar drew ire for seeking DNA tests of tribals and demanding curriculum changes. In Congress camp, besides the Gehlot-Pilot divide, new factions sprang up.

HARYANA

BJP beats anti-incumbency, creates history

The BJP created history when it aced the Haryana assembly election this year and secured a third consecutive term, defeating the Congress and other regional parties. Months before, the party replaced Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar with Nayab Singh Saini, a move that helped the BJP clinch 48 seats, while Congress won 37. The election was marred by internal strife within Congress, with several senior leaders defecting to the BJP, including Kiran Choudhry and her daughter Shruti. The election also saw the political entry of wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia on Congress tickets.

BIHAR

Nitish somersault, emergence of a new party

Bihar witnessed several twists and turns in 2024. It began with Nitish Kumar taking oath as the Chief Minister for a ninth time on January 28. He snapped ties with Lalu Prasad's RJD, and drifted away from the INDIA bloc, to form the government with new ally BJP. The somersault left the top Opposition leaders flummoxed ahead of Lok Sabha polls. However, NDA's tally from Bihar reduced from 39 to 30 in the LS. With the 'double-engine' government back in power, Bihar's expectations on development front ran high. The year also saw the formation of a new political entity, Jan Suraaj Party, led by former analyst Prashant Kishor.

GUJARAT

Major tragedies, Cong's Banaskantha moment

Gujarat began 2024 with two tragic incidents. On January 18, a boat tragedy on Vadodara's Harni Lake claimed 14 lives — including 12 schoolchildren and two teachers — during a picnic. Four months later, a deadly fire at the TRP Game Zone in Rajkot on May 25 killed 28 people, mostly youths. On the political front, the BJP saw its unmistakable dominance in Gujarat's 26 Lok Sabha seats crumble, with the Congress wresting the Banaskantha seat. This marked the end of its clean sweep streak in the state since 2014. The loss came after a fiercely contested election, marked by internal turbulence and strategic defections.

MADHYA PRADESH

Factory fire, jumbo deaths amid BJP comeback

The first half of the year saw the BJP achieving its long-standing goal of winning all the 29 Lok Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh. And understandably, the Congress faced its worst-ever defeat, failing to secure even a single seat. Additionally, a major accident at a firecracker factory in Harda resulted in 11 fatalities and injured 200 others. Other significant events during the course of the year included the deaths of 10 wild elephants in Bandhavgarh national park, possibly due to Kodo millet crop mycotoxin poisoning. The year also saw the dismantling of several major crime rings, an impact likely to be felt in 2025 as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that Smt. Sowmya N, residing at 711, 9th Cross, 10th A Main, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038 is the absolute owner of the schedule property described infra.

It is notified that original sale deed dated 11.10.1968 bearing the Doc No. 1947/68-69, executed by The BEV Employees Cooperative Credit Society in favour of V Ramaswamy at the office of Sub Registrar Shivajinagar is lost/misplaced. In this connection, an E-complaint has been lodged on 10.07.2023 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore bearing serial no. 0636347/2023.The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original sale deed to the undersigned within 07 days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the Sale Deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub Registrar of assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site number 711, formed in Binnamangala Layout, II stage East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 Feet and total measuring 1200 sq.ft together with a residential building.

Adv. **Sony Sebastian**
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,

HAL Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017.
(Phone: 080 25084156, 4184)

CORRIGENDUM-II

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Providing and Fixing of Acrylic / Foam Boards for Various Locations at URSC Main Campus and ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru for a Period of One Year.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/29/2024-25 dated: 27.11.2024
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 9.85 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 10.30 hrs on 06.01.2025
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 07.01.2025
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.30 hrs on 07.01.2025

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG

ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ

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ಎ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಯು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ದೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ 2024–25 ರಿಂದ 2026–27

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ತುಹಾಒ/ಶೇ&ತಾಂ/ಹಾ.ಉಪಕರಣ/ಟೆಂಪ್ರ/2024–25 ದಿ:30/12/2024	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ
1	ತುಮಕೂರು ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 10 ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಎ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಯು ಉಪಕರಣಗಳ ದೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ– 1200 ಎ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಯು	ಗುಬ್ಬಿ, ಕುಣಿಗಲ್, ತಿಪಟೂರು, ಚಿ.ನಾ.ಹಳ್ಳಿ, ತುರುವೇಕೆರೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು, ಕೊರಟಗೆರೆ, ಮಧುಗಿರಿ, ಸಿರಾ, ಪಾವಗಡ.	1200

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: (1) ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಎ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಯು ಗಳ ಸೇವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರತಿ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ. (2) ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವುಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತರಬೇತಿ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಬೇಕು. (3) ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಯಾದ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವೆಚ್ಚ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವೆಚ್ಚವನ್ನು ಕಡಿತ ಮಾಡಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. (4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ ಮತ್ತು ಪಿ.ಎಫ್ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. (5) ವಾಸ್ತವ್ಯ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಾನ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. (6) ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಪಾಸ್‌ಬುಕ್ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾವ ಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. (7) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಫಾರಂನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬೇಕು. (8) ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ವೇಳೆ : **02/01/2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9.30** (9) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ವೇಳೆ : **06/01/2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30** (10) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಕ್ನಿಕಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ವೇಳೆ : **08/01/2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30** (11) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ವೇಳೆ : **09/01/2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30,** (12) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವವರು ತೂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅಳತೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ (Legal Metrology Dept.,) ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು. (13) ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ Agreement ನ್ನು ರೂ.500/– ಗಳ Stamp paper ನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ 5% ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಗ್ಯಾರಂಟಿ, ಡಿಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ನಗದಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. (14) ಯಾವುದೇ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರ ವಾರಂಟಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಆ ಅವಧಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಉಳಿದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವೆಚ್ಚ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. (15) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗೆಗಿನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ / ವಿಳಾಸ : ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಶೇ&ತಾಂ)–93808 52509/93808 60462/ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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APENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable and Immovable Properties under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **State Bank of India, Bengaluru,** the Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **17.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 2,50,52,653/-** (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six only) as on 24.12.2024 and further interest at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Sri Biju Kumar Vazhat S/o Sri. Kumaran Vazhat (Borrower/s).** Original Sale Deed not available.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount will be as under:

Sl. No.	Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for receipt of EMD
1.	**Rs. 44,71,000/-**	**Rs. 4,47,100/-**	**Rs. 20,000/-**	**17.01.2025 upto 1.00 p.m.**

Tender No: SBI / SARB / SARF / RP / 200051332191 / 68

Title deed holder/s: Sri. Biju Kumar Vazhat S/o Sri. Kumaran Vazhat

Description Of Immovable Property : Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing present BBMP Khatha No.341, converted Sy.No.3/1, (converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR.46/2010-11, dated 28.09.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Dist, Bangalore, situated at Yamalur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 20 Guntas out of 39 Guntas, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP and **bounded on the East by :** Remaining portion of same Sy. No. 3/1 belong to Mr. Ramachandrappa, **West by :** Remaining portion of same Sy. No. 3/1 belongs to Mr. Ramachandrappa, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Kempapura Village Boundary.

Schedule "B" Property : 347 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

Schedule "C" Property : Flat bearing No. 302, in the 3rd floor measuring about 1250 Sq.ft., super built up area, containing 2 Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "Icon Apartment Homes" constructed over Schedule "A" Property and the flat held in the Name of **Sri. Biju Kumar Vazhat S/o. Sri. Kumaran Vazhat.** Flat electrical and interior work incomplete.

Sale Deed is registered in favour of Sri.Biju Kumar Vazhat in the office of Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar (Varthur) Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No.VRT-1-03366/2013-14 and Stored in CD No: VRTD196 dated 04.09.2013.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com**

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification. **On All Working Days between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** with prior appointment. **Contact person : Anjan Kumar D: 8660590654**

Date: 30.12.2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bangalore

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Yes Bank Limited

YES BANK

Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Banglore - 560001

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

Sr. No.1	Agreement No.: 092484600000114, 924LA40201990001	Type of Loan: MIB	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.2,00,69,421.03	Sec.13(2) Notice Date:- 8-1-2024	Symbolic Date: 27-12-2024

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: M/S. S L V Marketing(Borrower), Sri. M V Raghuram ,(Proprietor of M/s. S L V Marketing),Guarantor- Sri.MV Raghuram, Smt.YN Nandhini, W/o MV Raghuram, Smt.M V Shobha,Sri.M.V.Ramesh,(legal representative and son of late Sowbhagyamma R), Sri.M.V.Srinivas,(legal representative and son of late Sowbhagyamma R),

Details of secured asset 1) Property bearing no.1 formed in Sy. No. 10 having PID No.54-82-1, situated in Sri Lakshminarasimha Housing Society Limited, now Sir MV Marg behind Vidyapeeta, BSK III Stage Bangalore, measuring east to west 51 + 50/2 feet and north to west 35.6 feet.

East by : Road, West by : Site No.13, North by : Road South by : Site No.2

2) All that piece and parcel of residential house property bearing Site No.670, New Municipal No.29, Old PID No.52-48-29, New PID No.155-W0215-6 situated at Sunkenahalli, Adjacent Sites extensions, Bangalore, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Old ward no.52, New ward no.155, AA NA Subbarao Road, Hanumanth Nagar Bangalore, measuring east to west 7.02 meters or 23 feet and north to south 10.97 meters or 36.00 feet in total 77.00 square meters or 828 square feet. East by: Site No.669 West by: Site No.670/A North by: Site No.671/A, South by: Road.

Sr. No.2	Agreement No.: 92484600000195 & 924LA40201960001.	Type of Loan: MIB	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.55,51,815.31	Sec.13(2) Notice Date:-29-7-2024	Symbolic Date: 27-12-2024

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: M/s. SVL Agency, M/s. SVL Agency,Proprietor - Sri. R Harsha, Sri. R Harsha - Proprietor of M/s. SVL Agency,Guarantor - Mr.Mugadalabetta Venkataramaiah Raghuram, Smt.M V Shobha, Smt.M V Vijayalakshmi, Sri.M.V.Ramesh, Sri.M.V.Srinivas,) Sri.M.V.Raghuram

Details of secured asset - 1) Property bearing no.1 formed in Sy. No. 10 having PID No.54-82-1, situated in Sri Lakshminarasimha Housing Society Limited, now Sir MV Marg behind Vidyapeeta, BSK III Stage Bangalore, measuring east to west 51 + 50/2 feet and north to west 35.6 feet.

East by: Road, West by: Site No.13, North by: Road South by: Site No.2

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Sr. No.3	Agreement No.: 924LA40201990002, 924LA40221170001, 92484600000079.	Type of Loan: MIB	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. Rs.1,20,49,031.22/-	Sec.13(2) Notice Date:-29-7-2024	Symbolic Date: 27-12-2024

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: M/S.SV Telecom, M/S.SV Telecom,Partner: MV Raghuram M/S.SV TelecomPartner: YN Nandhini, Guarantor- Smt.YN Nandhini, Smt.M V Shobha, Smt.M V Vijayalakshmi, Sri.M.V.Ramesh, Sri.M.V.Srinivas, Sri.M.V.Raghuram.

Details of secured asset

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This is to bring to your attention that under Sec.13(8) of SARFAESI Act, where the number of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for the public auction/ tender/ private treaty, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred and no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date : 31-12-2024 , Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized officer, For YES BANK Limited**

E-Auction Notice for Leasing of Parcel SLRs & VP over Chakradharpur Division

No.: Com.18/ParcelSLR/VP/E-Auction Catalogue Date: 30.12.2024

For & on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Chakradharpur Division, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for leasing of Parcel SLRs and VP over Chakradharpur Division. The draft of e-auction notices in this regard are enclosed. Which is notified in the **https://www.ireps.gov.in/** Website. The details of the e-auction are as follows: **Sl.No.**-1. **Category:** ParcelSLR. **Catalogue No.:** Parcel-SLRs-Dec. **Period of Contract:** 02 years. **Date of Auction:** 13.01.2025. **Auction Start Time:** 11.15 hrs. **Auction Close Date:** 14.01.2025. **Auction Closing Time:** 11.40 hrs. **Sl.No.**-2. **Category:** ParcelVP. **Catalogue No.:** ParcelVP-CKP-24. **Period of Contract:** 02 years. **Date of Auction:** 11.01.2025. **Auction Start Time:** 11.30 hrs. **Auction Close Date:** 11.01.2025. **Auction Closing Time:** 12.00 hrs. Interested parties to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the site and related information about the E-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

(PR-961) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Chakradharpur**

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Govt. of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Vijayapur

Tel.No:08352-277816, Fax.No:08352-277817,
E-Mail:zpebjp9@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಇಂ/ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇ.ವಿ/ವಿಜ/ಇಪ್ರಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2024–25/6689 ದಿನಾಂಕ:30.12.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)

Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Vijayapura has invited e-tender for the works under the Education Dept KPS Grant Scheme for the year 2023-24 Work Indent RDPR/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT8145 for Other Category Contractors, Rs 122.32 lakhs. Total 1 works vide Tender Publication No.6689 Date: 30.12.2024. Last date for submission of Tender is 07.01.2025 time 5.30 PM.

For more information about the tender, the information can be collected at the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or visit the office of the said Division during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Vijayapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of the below detailed landowners:

1) KNS-CK Projects LLP having its registered office at #1125/12, 1st Floor, Service Road Hampi Nagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560 104.
2) D. B. Avinash son of D.G.Benakappa, aged about 53 years, residing at Shanthala 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Shimoga, Shimoga District.
3) H. S. Shivakumar son of H.Shivalingappa, aged about 54 years, residing at 2nd Cross, Mission Compound, Shimoga, Shimoga District.
4) K.V. Basavanagowda son of Late Kunduru Veerabhadrappa, aged about 58 years, residing at 501, Kundur Park, Jakkur, Amruthahalli Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560064.
5) H.A.Shanmukhappa son of H. N. Ajjappa, aged about 73 years residing at 1028, 25th Main, 39th Cross, near Bunny Bakery, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.
6) Ullas N, son of N. S. Nataraju, aged about 34 years, residing at 7211, Lions Bhavan Road, Subhash Nagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District.
7) N. S. Nataraju son of Late N. C. Shivanna, aged about 65 years, residing at 7211, "Ullas Nilaya" Lions Bhavan Road, Subhash Nagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District.
8) Prime Developers, a partnership firm, having its office at No. 135/262, 4th Floor, N.S.C. Sadhana, Vinayaka Nagar, Binamangala, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District.
9) S. P. Shalini alias Shalini ShanmukhappaPushapavathi, daughter of Shanmukhappa, aged about 41 years, residing at 1028, 25th Main, 39th Cross, near Bunny Bakery, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.
10) S.P. Sandeep, son of Shanmukhappa, aged about 38 years residing at 1028, 25th Main, 39th Cross, near Bunny Bakery, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.
11) K. Omkarappa, son of Ujjappa, aged about 84 years, residing at No. 2000/15, 12th Cross, Tarala Balu Layout, Davangere.

Hereinafter collectively referred to as "Owners" (O), with respect to converted lands situated at Ananthapura Village and Machonayakanahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru District, in relation to the lands morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property".

The KNS-CK Projects LLP, a Partnership firm having its registered office at #1125/12, 1st Floor, Service Road Hampi Nagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560 104 is the "Developer" (D) and Agreement Holder (AGH) having agreement rights and development rights to develop the portion of Schedule Property (as detailed in the table below).

Any person or entities having any right, title, claim or interest of any kind whatsoever including mortgage/ charge/ claim/ encumbrance/ demand over the Schedule Property whether by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, charge, encumbrance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, maintenance, bequest, easement, trust, covenant, possession, maintenance, FSI consumption, development rights, or otherwise of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within fifteen (15) days of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Owner with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within fifteen **(15)** days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the converted lands mentioned in the below table situated at Ananthapura and Machonayakanahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on

Sl No	Sy No	Acre/s	Gunta/s
ANANTHAPURA VILLAGE KNS-CK Projects LLP (O)			
1.	11/2	0	21.00
2.	11/10	0	19.50
3	14/1	0	27.00
4.	14/2	1	30.00
5.	15	0	14.00
6.	17/1	1	33.00
7.	13/6	0	6.00
8.	13/1	1	24.00
9.	13/5	0	30.00
10.	12	1	23.00
11.	13/4	0	27.00
12.	17/5(P)	0	7.00
K.V. Basavanagowda (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (AGH)			
13.	11/4	0	25.00
Ullas N (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
14.	17/6	0	10.00
15.	17/7	0	11.00
16.	17/8	0	1.00
Prime Developers (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
17.	13/3	0	21.00
18.	13/7	0	6.00
S.P. Sandeep (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
19.	10/4	0	20.00
MACHONAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE KNS-CK Projects LLP (O)			
20.	52/2	0	5.00
21.	72	1	17.00
22.	73/3	1	6.00
23.	52/1	0	11.00
24.	65/6	0	9.50
25.	61/2	0	3.00
26.	61/6	0	4.00
27.	61/7	0	4.00
28.	61/8	0	6.00
30.	76/4	0	12.00
31.	76/7	0	11.00
32.	76/6	0	12.50
33.	52/18	0	8.50
34.	73/5	1	14.00
35.	81/2	1	3.00
36.	52/13	0	7.00
37.	52/16	0	4.25
38.	54/6	0	10.50
39.	54/7	0	23.50
40.	65/ 2	0	4.50
41.	65/3	0	9.50
42.	75/8	0	10.00
43.	75/9	0	10.00
44.	76/3A	0	22.00
45.	79/2	0	4.00
46.	83/7	0	9.00
47.	71/1	0	5.00
48.	71/2	0	8.00
49.	80/1	0	24.00
50.	82/5	0	11.00
51.	82/7	0	16.50
52.	53/1	1	6.00
53.	56/9	0	7.00
D.B.Avinash (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (AGH)			
54.	64/2	2	13.00
H.S.Shivakumar (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (AGH)			
55.	61/4	0	10.00
56.	52/3	0	14.50
57.	52/4	0	7.50
58.	52/5	0	8.25
59.	65/5	0	23.00
60.	65/7	0	28.00
61.	66/4	0	20.00
62.	52/8	0	1.75
63.	52/11	0	6.50
64.	52/17	0	4.00
65.	65/1	1	3.00
66.	66/5	1	27.00
67.	67/1	2	0.00
68.	73/1	0	36.00
69.	78/1	0	5.00
70.	78/2	0	5.00
71.	73/2	0	35.00
72.	73/4	0	11.00
73.	75/5	0	7.50
74.	80/2	0	30.00
75.	53/2	1	10.00
76.	56/11	0	7.00
N.S.Nataraju (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
83.	54/3	0	11.00
84.	55/1	0	7.00
85.	55/4	0	15.00
86.	62/2	0	9.00
87.	56/1	0	12.00
88.	56/4	0	7.00
89.	56/5	0	4.00
90.	56/6	0	4.00
91.	56/7	0	4.00
92.	56/8	0	7.00
93.	56/10	0	7.00
94.	58/4	0	8.00
95.	58/5	0	4.00
96.	58/6	0	2.00
97.	58/8	0	2.00
98.	58/9	0	3.00
99.	58/10	0	4.00
100.	58/11	0	3.00
101.	61/1	0	3.00
102.	61/9	1	31.00
103.	64/1	0	16.00
104.	74/4	0	8.00
105.	74/5	0	20.00
106.	62/4	0	2.00
107.	70/1	0	2.00
108.	66/3	0	24.00
109.	69/1	0	9.00
110.	76/1	0	14.50
111.	76/3B	0	12.50
112.	66/2	1	28.00
113.	58/7	0	2.00
114.	62/3	0	9.00
115.	62/5	0	36.00
116.	79/6	0	15.00
117.	83/5	0	14.00
118.	88/13	0	10.00
119.	84/1C1	0	23.00
Prime Developers (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
120.	52/7	0	2.75
121.	77/3	0	10.00
122.	76/5	0	19.00
123.	52/10	0	7.50
124.	54/1	1	6.00
125.	55/2	0	16.00
126.	77/2	0	25.00
127.	79/1	0	14.00
128.	79/5	0	15.00
129.	79/7	0	12.00
130.	79/8	0	26.00
131.	79/9	0	16.00
132.	54/2	0	23.50
133.	54/5	0	12.00
134.	55/5	0	7.00
135.	56/2	0	7.00
136.	67/2	0	11.00
137.	70/2	0	9.00
138.	81/4	0	24.00
139.	58/2	0	5.00
140.	65/8	0	5.00
141.	69/2	0	9.00
142.	75/6	0	7.00
143.	75/7	0	10.00
144.	61/3	0	9.00
145.	70/5	0	20.00
146.	79/3	0	18.00
147.	70/3	0	9.00
148.	74/2	0	10.00
149.	74/3	0	10.00
150.	75/2	0	7.25
151.	75/3	0	7.00
152.	75/4	0	7.25
153.	82/9	0	10.00
154.	79/4	0	14.00
155.	82/8	0	1.00
156.	81/5(P)	0	16.00
S.P.Shalini (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
157.	63/1	0	39.00
158.	63/2	1	0.00
159.	63/3	0	38.00
160.	68	1	24.00
S.P. Sandeep (O) KNS-CK Projects LLP (D)			
161.	70/4	0	19.00
162.	81/3	0	20.00
K. Omkarappa (O)			
163.	84/3	0	6.50

Common boundaries:

East by:	Land bearing Survey Nos. 83/6, 81/5, 60/1, 57/1, 56/12, 55/1, 55/4, 55/3, 47, 51, 52/6, 52/20, 52/19 & Nala of Machonayakanahalli Village
West by:	Land bearing Survey Nos. 58/1, 81/2(P), 81/1, 80/3, 88/5, 82/1, 82/4, 82/9, 83/4 ofMachonayakanahalli Village and Land bearing Survey Nos. 11/1, 13/2, 11/5,11/3, 10/1, 10/2, 13/8, 16, 19 & 17/4 of Ananthapura Village
North by:	Land bearing Survey Nos. 84, 83, 82/10, 82/9, 82/6, 82/4, 81/5, 80/3, 81/1, 81/2(P), 59, 60, 58/1, 59, 57/1, 57/2, 55/3, 47, 51 & Road of Machonayakanahalli Village and Land bearing Survey Nos. 11/1,11/6, 13/2, 11/3, 21, &16 of Ananthapura village
South by:	Land bearing Survey Nos. 52/20, 52/9, 52/12, 52/14, 66/1 of Machonayakanahalli Village, Kanegowdanahalli Village boundary and Land bearing Survey Nos. 18, 11/3, 13/8 & Nala of Ananthapura Village

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 31.12.2024

Malini Raju Advocate
AZB & Partners, Level 5, 37 Cunningham,Cunningham Road, Bengaluru -560052.

O-1088 ☎ 06670-235504, E-mail: serwbpt@yahoo.com

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS, CIRCLE, BHAWANIPATNA

Bid identification No.:- BPT/Online-08/2024-25 Date.26.12.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS IN ODISHA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

1. Name of the Work	:	Periodical Renewal work of 5 year post DLP PMGSY Roads in the District of Kalahandi and Nuapada.
2. No of Works	:	13 Nos.
3. Location details	:	Kalahandi & Nuapada District
4. Estimated Cost	:	As per NIT.
5. Period of Completion	:	As per NIT.
6. Cost of tender paper	:	Rs.10,000/- per set.
7. Other details		

Availability of tender for online bidding		Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
From	To		
03.01.2025 11.00 A.M.	17.01.2025 5.00 P.M.	16.01.2025	18.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the web site "www.tendersorissa.gov.in"

OIPR-25102/11/0007/2425

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Bhawanipatna

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12241519 20/01/2025	i) Set of FRP Panels for Partition Frame for MEMU/DMC 3-Phase Coaches.	47 Set	4,23,050/-
		ii) Set of interior Panelling ARRGT. In Driver's Cab for MEMU3PH (BHEL) Coaches.	34 Set	
		iii) Set of FRP Side Wall Panels for MEMUT3PB Coach.	102 Set	
2.	17241623 27/01/2025	Air Grill Toilet/Switch Broard Complete	2979 Nos	66,440/-
3.	17241619 24/01/2025	Water Tank Flap with Fixing Arrangement for LHB Coaches	1203 Nos	1,25,490/-
4.	01241419 27/01/2025	Centering Dics	10873 Nos	73,900/-
5.	01241420 27/01/2025	Bearing	7107 Nos.	87,550/-
6.	01241421 30/01/2025	Safety Wire rope Assly	14292 Nos	90,390/-
7.	05241913 28/01/2025	Nose Cone for MEMU DMC	53 Sets	8,75,560/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 3 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 4 to 7 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. **Note:** GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

T. No.: 107-S/2024-25 **Dated: 30.12.2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, the undersigned bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Smt.Rathnamma.G,** residing at No.3/4, Ramanna Building, 1st Cross, Surya Pravision Store, Bangalore-560073. She Has lost the Original Sale Deed Document No.MDL-1-08427/2012-13, Date: 28-02-2013, they Has lost at Near Ashraya Colony, Accordingly he has lodged the complainant on Bengaluru City, Dated on 30-12-2024, with E-Lost report No.1405347/2024.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.88, Assessment No.109 and 110/1, Situated at Kammasandra Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalroe North Taluk and measuring East to West : 30-0 Feet and North to South : 40-0 Feet in all totally measuring 1200 sq feet and Bounded on **East by :** Site No.89, **West by :** Site No.87, **North by:** Site No.85, **South By:** Road, If anyone finding the aforesaid documents is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA S, Advocate
No.2,1st Floor Byranna Building
Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-562125
Mobile : 9060950265

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr.Mohamed Zahid** S/o Moahmed Anwar.S.A, aged about 45 years, residing at No.62, 9th Main, 21st Cross, Near Sai Provision Store, BTM 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076 is intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **Mr. Ramachandra Naidu Mallarapu** S/o. Sri. M Chalamaiah Naidu, aged about 72 years, Residing at 8-2-677/B/2, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-34.

The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **7 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after 7 days from the date of notification shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential **Property bearing No.195,** Khatha No.3392, BBMP Khatha No.3297/3392/195, **situated in the layout known as II Phase, Kammanahalli Village, Bannerghatta Road Layout,** formed by the Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Bangalore at Kammanahalli Village, Bannerghatta Road, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Limits., East to West 60.0+62.0/2 Feet and North to South 50.0 Feet, in all measuring **3050 Square Feet** and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.184, West by: Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No.197.

M.R.REVANNA, Advocate
No.264, 1st Floor, Behind Ganesh Temple
Begur Road, Bommanahalli
Bangalore-560068. Ph : 99806 28324

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALURU

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 720/2022

BETWEEN:
Union Bank of India
And **...Applicant**
Mr. QONECTUS
...Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
M/s QONECTUS,
No.636, 12th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Phase-I, Dr. Shivaramkaranth Nagar, Bangalore-560077.
Rep. by its Proprietor Mrs. Sheetal Prashanth
...Defendants

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.22,67,321.01** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One and One Paisa Only) together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **29.01.2025 at 10.30 A.M.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **09.12.2024.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
At Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that my client **Smt. Madhavi H.G,** has lost the original sale deed dated 12-12-2013 registered as document No. LAG-1-04472/2013-14 and stored in C.D.No.LAGD221 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Laggere, Bengaluru which was executed by Sri. K. Vasudeva Murthy in favour of the earlier owner Sri. Praveen Kumar A.M. in respect of the property now owned by my client.

If anybody finds or comes to know of the said original sale deed may intimate or deliver the same to the undersigned who shall be suitably rewarded. Any claim or right of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property may also be notified to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Mohanadasa N., Advocate,
No. 3944/A, 2ndCross, 'B' Block,
Rajajinagar 2nd Stage,
Subrahmanyanagar, Bengaluru - 560021
Mobile Nos. 9448129391 or 9686776714

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **Smt. H. Mamatha,** W/o T. Manjunatha, D/o H.P. Hanumanthaiah, aged about 46 years, Resident of House No.1, Marasandra Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, presently residing at No. 771, "SLV NILAYA", 28th main Road, Kuvempu Nagara, 2nd Stage, B.T.M. Layout, Bengaluru- 560 076 is the absolute owner of the Agricultural property bearing Sy.no. 7/3 measuring 0-1 Acre out of 1 Acre 0-15 guntas of land (As per Survey sketch No. 21010824367940001, Block-2) situated at Govindapura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, which is described in the schedule hereunder by way of Registered Sale deed dated 25-11-2024 registered as Document No. NMG-1-11430-2024-25 before the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala from her vendors namely Smt. Nagarathnamma @ Nagarathana and others. That her vendors represented that they have lost the original documents/original Sale deeds with respect to schedule property and in this regard they have lodged complaint before the Dabaspet Police station which is registered as Station NCR NO. 931/2024 dated 23-12-2024.

If any person/s/Institution/s has/have any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid schedule property and original documents, the said claims along with all supporting documents shall be filed with the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below.

Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding Finder may return the above referred original documents/ original sale deeds to the undersigned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural property bearing Sy.no. 7/3 measuring 0-1 Acre out of 1 Acre 0-15 guntas of land (As per Survey sketch No. 21010824367940001 Block-2) situated at Govindapura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, which is bounded as follows:- **East by:** Nidavanda-Elekyathanahalli Government Road, **West by:** Remaining 0-15 guntas of land in the same sy.no. 7/3 **North by:** Land bearing Sy.no. 7/2 and 7/8 belonging to H. Hemavathi& H. Mamatha, **South by:** Land belonging to Ramaiah S/o Puttaiah, Ramaiah S/o Erraiah and Venkateshaiah S/o Thimmaiah bearing Sy.no. 7/4, 7/6 and 7/7

B. Ramakrishna, Advocate

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಮೆಸಸ್ ಆರ್. ಕೆ. ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ & ಡೆವಲಪರ್ ಇದರ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಜಿ.ರವೀಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮೆಸೆಸ್ ಎಸ್‌ವಿಪಿ ಇನ್ಫ್ರಾಸ್ಟ್ರಚರ್ ಇದರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ಪಾಲುದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ. ವೈ. ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಇವರುಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಚೀಸಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04.03.2015** ರಂದು ಮೆಸಸ್ ವಕೀಲ್ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಷನ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಆದ ಶ್ರೀ. ಮೊಹ್ಸಿನ್ ಆಲಿ ವಕೀಲ್ ರವರಿಂದ ಕ್ರಯದ ಕರಾರು ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಭಾಗಶಃ ಕ್ರಯದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯದ ಕರಾರಿನ ಅನ್ವಯ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಲು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ 2ನೇ ಹಿರಿಯ ಅಪಾರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಓ.ಎಸ್. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **396/2016** ರಂತೆ (1) ಮೆಸಸ್ ವಕೀಲ್ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಷನ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ (2) ಮೊಹಮದ್ ಆಲಿ ವಕೀಲ (3) ಶ್ರೀ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ.ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ (4) ಶ್ರೀ.ದುರ್ಗಾಪ್ರಸಾದ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಆರ್ (5) ದಿ ಮೆನೇಜರ್ ಪಾವಗಡ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ವಿವಿಧೋದ್ದೇಶ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಂಘ, ಸಹಕಾರ ನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, (6) ದಿ ಮೆನೇಜರ್ ಪಾವಗಡ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ವಿವಿಧೋದ್ದೇಶ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಂಘ, ಕೋಲಾರ ಇವರುಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ದಾವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02.09.2016** ರಂದು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲೀಕ ತಡೆಯಾಜ್ಞೆಯ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಆದೇಶವು ಹಾಲಿ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೀಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಕೆಲ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಸುಳ್ಳು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ವಂಶಾಕ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹಕ್ಕಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತಾ ದಾವೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ತಡೆಯಾಜ್ಞೆಯ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಮರೆಮಾಚಿ ಮಾರಾಟ / ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಮುಂದಾಗಿರುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಅಥವಾ ಅವನಿಂದ ನೇಮಕವಾಗಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಅಥವಾ ವಹಿವಾಟು ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಖರೀದಿ, ಪತ್ರ ವಗ್ಯೆರೆ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಮಾಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವು ಕಾನೂನು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಸಿಂಧುವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆ ಮಾಡಿದಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯವರಹಾರಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರೇ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ದಾಸನಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುಕ್ಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಭೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಯಾದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರುಗಳಾದ;

1. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.35/1, 35/2 & 35/3 ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 8 ಎಕರೆ 31 ಗುಂಟೆ.
2. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.37 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 6 ಎಕರೆ 27 ಗುಂಟೆ.
3. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.38/1 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 1 ಎಕರೆ 16 ಗುಂಟೆ.
4. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.42/2 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 3 ಎಕರೆ 30 ಗುಂಟೆ.
5. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.147 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 5 ಎಕರೆ 18 ಗುಂಟೆ.
6. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.38/2 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 9 ಎಕರೆ 35 ಗುಂಟೆ.
7. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.36 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 3 ಎಕರೆ 15 ಗುಂಟೆ.

ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 39 ಎಕರೆ 05 ಗುಂಟೆ ಭೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:

ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ : ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗಡಿ
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ : ಗಾರ್ಗೆ, ಜಿ.ಸಿ.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು,
ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ : ರಸ್ತೆ, ತಾಜ್ ಕುಟೀರಂ ರೆಸೋರ್ಟ್, ರೇವತಿವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು
ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ : ಅಶ್ವಥಯ್ಯ ರವರ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 39 & 40 ರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು

ಟಿ.ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿ.ಎ.,ಎಲ್‌ಎಲ್.ಬಿ
ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ.3, ಎಸ್‌ಜಿ ಆರ್ಕೆಡ್, ಪ್ಲಾಟ್ ನಂ.1,
2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರನಗರ, ನಂದಿನಿಲೇಔಟ್,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560096. ಮೊ:9901404709

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division,
9th Floor, PU Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

No: BBMP/EE/SN/TEND-Ser/19/2024-25 Date: 30-12-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Service Tender) (Through KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible bidders for outsourcing of Manpower Service - House keeping staff for the offices under the jurisdiction of East Zone, Mayo Hall, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560001. The agency will supply Manpower under Two cover Bid procedure as per Rule-28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Rate Contract regarding Demolition of illegal Structures/ buildings in Shanthinagar, Shivajinagar and Pulikeshinagar divisions of East Zone BBMP Financial year 2024-25. **EMD:** Rs. 2,00,000/-. **Remarks:** As per KPP Portal. **Call-2.**
2	Rate Contract regarding Demolition of illegal Structures/ buildings in C.V.Ramannagar, Sarvagnanagar and Hebbal divisions of East Zone BBMP Financial year 2024-25. **EMD:** Rs. 2,00,000/-. **Remarks:** As per KPP Portal. **Call-2.**

Calendar of Events: 1) Availability of tender documents in GOK KPP portal from: **03.01.2025 onwards.** 2) Last date for Receipt of queries: **08.01.2025 upto 4.00 p.m.** 3) Date of Pre-bid meeting: **08.01.2025 at 3.30 p.m.** 4) Last date for submission of Tenders: **09.01.2025 upto 16:00 hrs.** 5) Date of Opening of Technical bid: **10.01.2025 at 16:00 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit KPP portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Shanthinagar Division, BBMP

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.

Phone No:08539-222318.email:eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No.EE:PWD:DK:KW-1,2,3 & 4:Tender:2024-25:3225 Date:26-12-2024.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-1, 2, 3 & 4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : KKRDB Micro-Infrastructure-General, SCP & TSP, KKRDB Micro Infrastructure-General & TSP/2024-25 & KKRDB Mega Macro Infrastructure-General/2022-23, KKRDB Macro, KKRDB Micro Infrastructure-General, KKRDB Micro-General/2024-25 & 8443-Deposit Contribution (Pragathi Colony TSP/2021-22)**. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** 28 Works **(Work Indent No: 16781, 16788, 16826, 16951, 16718, 16715, 16782, 16719, 16861, 16873 16781, 17393, 17395, 16824, 16823, 16825, 16821, 16822, 16997, 17384, 16996, 17390, 17397, 17386, 17385, 17375, 16929 & 16928).** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **08-01-2025 Time 16.00,** Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **09-01-2025 Time 16.30.** Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **13-01-2025 Time 16.00.** Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount Rs. 4.00 Lakhs & Rs.558.19 Lakhs respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-bid meeting, Tender Queries/Clarification & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/629/KSMCA/2024-25

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED

TGSPDCL (erstwhile TSSPDCL)

E-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TGSPDCL intends to float tender for procurement of (I) 33KV & 11KV Indoor Switchgear Unit (2) 8m/140kgs PSCC Poles to MBNR & NGKL Circles of MBNR Store on e-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in.**

Phone: 040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)

R.O.No.: 832-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date:30.12.2024

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

ZONAL OFFICE, 770-A, First Floor, Dewa
Tower-I, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002

PUBLIC NOTICE

31-12-2024

The JC Road Branch, Bengaluru of Punjab & Sind Bank presently located at 78/1, Arunas Mansion, JC Road, Bengaluru is being shifted. The branch shall function from **Commercial premises at #27, Ground Floor, PSK Tower, 4th Cross, N.R. Road, Bangalore 560002. from 27-01-2025.**

-Sd- Zonal Manager

VASAVI MSCM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

(Erstwhile The Mysore Silk Cloth Merchants' Co-operative Bank Limited)
No.6, Hospital Road, Bengaluru -560 053. Telefax: 2225 3389, 2226 8535. 26661253, E-Mail: info@mscmbank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE-8(1)]

Whereas the Authorised officer of **Vasavi MSCM Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2), (12) of Act, Read with Rule 9 of security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon Borrowers/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices to the following Borrowers/Guarantors.

The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the above mentioned amount, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Rules has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described below mentioned date "The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets"

Hence the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) (a) of the Act, 2002 propose to realise the amount due by the sale of the mortgaged properties and as required under Sub Rule (6) of the Rule 8 of the Rules, the undersigned hereby gives you, the Borrowers notice calling upon you to pay the amount due within 30 days of the receipt of this notice. Failing which the undersigned shall dispose the mortgaged properties as contemplated under the Act, and Rules.

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties in any manner and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Vasavi MSCM Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** for amount mentioned below.

Demand Notice Date/ Possession Notice Date	Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantor	Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount Due in Rs.
09.10.2024 / 24.12.2024	1) Smt.Parvathi.B W/o Late. Sri.Narayanappa.B.C-(Applicant), 2) Sri.Sridhar S/o Late. Sri.Narayanappa.B.C-(Co-Obligant)	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Old No.437, in No.42, New No.320, situated at 1st Cross, Chennakeshavanagara, CMC limits, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP jurisdiction, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally in all measuring 1200 Sq.Feet along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the: East By: Site No.339 (Old No.436); West By: Road; North By: Site No.321 (Old No.422); South By: Site No.319 (Old No.438); **Belongs to: Smt.Parvathi.B W/o Late.Sri.Narayanappa.B.C**	**Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000133 Rs.34,75,906.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six Only) + interest and Other Charges From 30.09.2024**
09.10.2024 / 24.12.2024	1. Smt.Hemalatha W/o Sri.Ramakrishna.K-(Applicant) 2. Sri.Ramakrishna.K S/o Late.Sri.Kapanaiah-(Co-Obligant)	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Western Portion of the property bearing Site No.70, Khata No.33, BBMP Sl No.17, situated at Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under BBMP jurisdiction, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally in all measuring 600 Sq.Feet along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the: East By: Eastern Portion of Same property belongs to Balakrishna; West By: Site No.69; North By: Site No.48; South By: Road; **Belongs to: Smt.Hemalatha W/o Sri.Ramakrishna.K**	**Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000113 Rs.25,82,261.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Only) + interest and Other Charges From 30.09.2024**
09.10.2024 / 24.12.2024	1. Sri.Sampath Kumar.R S/o Late.Ramu alias Ramaiah - Applicant, 2. Smt.Nethravathi.A W/o Sri.Sampath Kumar.R - Co-Obligant	All that Residential Property bearing Municipal No.23, Old Site No.23, (formed in the lands in Sy.No.1 and 46(A), of Nayandahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), Bangalore, Ward No.131, Corporation PID No.39-186-23, now within the limits of BBMP , Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 25 Feet Totally measuring 750 Square Feet, along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground, First, Second, Third Floors together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the; East By: Road; West By: Property bearing Municipal No.20; North By: Property bearing Municipal No.24; South By: Property bearing Municipal No.22; **Belongs to: Sri.Sampath Kumar.R S/o Late.Ramu alias Ramaiah**	**Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000183 Rs.40,65,593.00 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three Only) + interest and Other Charges From 30.09.2024**
09.10.2024 / 24.12.2024	1.Sri.Arasaiah.T.M S/o Late.Sri.Mallaiah-(Applicant) 2.Sri.A.Ramesh S/o Sri.Arasaiah.T.M-(Co-Applicant) 3.Sri.A.Bhaskar S/o Sri.Arasiah.T.M-(Co-Applicant) 4.Sri.Nagaraj S/o Sri.Arasaiah.T.M - (Co-Applicant) 5.Sri.A.Somashekar S/o Sri.Arasaiah.T.M-(Co-Applicant)	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.18, formed in Sy.No.34/2, situated at Malagala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP jurisdiction, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Totally measuring 1200 Square Feet, along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground and First Floors together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the; East By: Property bearing Site No.17; West By: Property bearing Site No.19; North By: Road; South By: Property bearing Site No.25; **Belongs to: Sri.Arasaiah.T.M S/o Late.Sri.Mallaiah**	**Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000036 Rs.13,59,624.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only) + interest and Other Charges From 30.09.2024**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 24.12.2024

Sd/- Authorised officer,
Vasavi MSCM Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

IDFC First Bank Limited

(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031. Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

IDFC FIRST Bank

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)** from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on **IDFC FIRST Bank** website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 1286574.02/- Demand Notice dated: 11-Apr-2021	**13623181 & 22423269**	**Sarojamma A. & Raju C.**	INR 1968300.00/-	INR 196830.00/-	18-Jan-2025 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	17-Jan-2025 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	10-Jan-2025 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091

(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 50 Property No. 501/50, Katha Si No. 441, Asmeasuring East To West: (24+11) + 40/2ft And North To South: (18+30)/2ft, In Converted Sy No. 252/1, Vide Conversion Order No. Aln.Sr.No. 62/87-88, Dated 04.05.1998, Situated At Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayth, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore Urban District, And Bounded As:- East: Ashawathamm's Property, West: Site No. 49, North: 20 Ft Road (11 Ft Road Entrance To The Schedule Site) & South: Site No. 41

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

Date : 31.12.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Sri. Murthy,** S/o Late. Muniyamma, residing at No.190, 5th Cross, 1st Main, Chennakeshava Nagara, Hosa Road, Bengaluru 560 100. My client is the absolute owner of the property No.17, measuring an extent 20 feet and 45 feet, situated at Byrasandra 1st Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore consisting of 2 portions sheet house. My client has lost site documents i.e., Original registered Sale Deed No.2250/1936-37, Sale Deed dated:11-01-1937. My client has lost the above-mentioned documents while travelling from my home and the same are not traceable even after his best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged online police Complaint vide lost report No.1398917/2024, dated:24-12-2024, if anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within **7 days.**

Sri. G.S. Prasad Reddy, Advocate
No.341, 4th Avenue, Rainbow Driving
School Building, Opp. Ganapathi Temple,
Teachers Colony, Venkatapura
Bengaluru- 560 034.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client/s is intending to purchase the "B" and "C" schedule property belonging to Sri.M S Arun Kumar, Son of late Subba Narasimhaiah, Aged about 56 years, Residing at No:81, Twenty Third Cross, Third Block, Jayanagar Third Block, Bangalore–560 011, as owner and M/S.Kraftek Developers And Builders, A Partnership Firm, having its office at No:3, Thirty Ninth Cross, Sixteenth Main, Near Sobha Opal Apartments, Jayanagar Fourth 'T' Block, Bangalore–560 041, Represented by its Partner, Sri.Yogesh Shekar Raju Pathpati, Son of Sri.P Shekar Raju, Aged about 41 years, as Confirming Party / Developer;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

"A" SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.81/23 (earlier CITB No.81), situated at Twenty Third 'B' Cross, Third Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.169-Byrasandra (old ward No.60), PID No.60-128-23 and bounded on the:

East By : Site bearing CITB No:80;
West By : Site bearing CITB No:82;
North By : Road;
South By : Site bearing CITB No:110;
Measuring: East to West: (40+36)/2 ft.;
North to South: 60 ft.;

In all admeasuring 2,280 sq.ft.;

"B" SCHEDULE

540 sq.ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the "A" schedule property;

"C" SCHEDULE

3BHK residential apartment unit privately numbered as 03 in second floor of the residential apartment building known as "NAVA VIHAAN" with a super built-up area 2150 sq.ft. along with one covered car parking slot in stilt floor, together with 540 sq.ft of undivided share and interest in the "A" schedule property bearing Municipal No.81/23 (earlier CITB No.81), situated at Twenty Third 'B' Cross, Third Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.169-Byrasandra (old ward No.60), PID No.60-128-23 and the apartment unit is bounded on the :

East By : Common Passage/staircase area and area open to sky;
West By : Area open to sky of the apartment building;
North By : Area open to sky of the apartment building;
South By : Area open to sky of the apartment building;

Note: The access to the "C" Schedule Property is on the eastern side;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810/9886284325
Dt : 28-12-2024

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623,
Registered Office : W - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House,
P.O. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/01/2025 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, SHANKAR MATA MAIN ROAD, 108710700057742, KRUTHI V, 10000/-, STUD 1, 7746, SHIVANNA, 31000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 108710730035102, ANKESH M, 18535/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5110, MANJUNATH NAGAPPA HANDI, 23913/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, SHIVAJINAGAR, 100700700760875, SANLITH C K, 30000/-, BRACELET 1, 0970, SADAM PASHA, 19500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1010, MOHAMMED SULTAN, 7900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, SHIVANAGAR, 120700700029199, B NAGENDRA, 42224/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9603, MANJUNATH M, 43000/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 120700700030255, LINGARAJU, 184184/-, BANGLE 1, MYSORE, SIDDARTH LAYOUT MYSORE, 109320700032779, MOHAMMED YOUSUF, 100000/-, NECKLACE 1, 3044, JULEKA B, 211380/-, NECKLACE 1, 109320730014264, AMBIKA A R, 20129/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4347, YOGESH H S, 29055/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 109320750000082, YASMEEN AFZA, 190190/-, NECKLACE 1, TUMKUR, SIRA GATE TUMKUR, 130080700039062, SATISHA, 64000/-, STUD 1, 9140, SHANTHA KUMAR S, 15500/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 9166, DORE N, 13790/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 9221, BHAVYA S, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 1, 9240, HANAMANTHA SIDRAMA DEVARANAVADAGI, 25000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, 9253, RAKESH H, 12000/-, STUD 1, 9368, HARSHITHA J, 37000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9408, CHETHAN KM, 24000/-, DROPS 1, 9434, NANJUNDAPPA, 25500/-, CHAIN 1, 9499, KUMAR, 109670/-, CHAIN 1, 130080730033214, BHASKAR R, 21013/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 3977, PRASHANTH V, 82131/-, CHAIN 1, 3980, CHAMARAJU, 42970/-, CHAIN 1, SIRA MAIN ROAD, 126550700045379, NARASAPPA, 63400/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 5408, ANILKUMAER B N, 7900/-, STUD 1, SIRA TUMKUR, 127470700043439, SAFEER PASHA, 50936/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 3853, SHREEDHARA M N, 53000/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 5062, NARASIMHAMURTHY, 37998/-, FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 1, 5250, HARISH, 14500/-, STUD 1, 5275, DEVARAJU B P, 7000/-, STUD 1, 5370, SHIVA KUMAR, 36000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5372, RANGASHAMAYYA, 18562/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5470, LAKSHMINAIK, 18000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 5484, JALEEL SAB B, 27000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5581, RAVI KUMAR M D, 18400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5648, MADHUSHREE G M, 20000/-, STUD 1, 127470730029075, MANIKANTA, 11710/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9076, MANIKANTA, 15360/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9249, GOWDA.D.J., 9722/-, STUD 1, RAMANAGAR, SOLUR RAMNAGAR, 133760700033212, RANGANATHA, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3232, GEETHA, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3250, SANTHOSH S, 11500/-, STUD 1, 3349, SWAMYNATH, 168000/-, CHAIN 1, 3530, ASHA V, 94000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1, 3547, YASHWANTHA K C, 24000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 3565, SHIVA KUMAR M R, 28000/-, STUD 2, 133760730013082, LOKESH, 20482/-, STUD 1, BANGALORE, SOMASUNDARAPALAYAM, 125660700031820, DUGGANAPALLI MAHESHWARA REDDY, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1958, SNEHIL VB, 17500/-, BRACELET 1, 2821, MANJUNATHA, 160160/-, BANGLE 1, 125660730025060, HARI K KARTHIKEYAN, 21640/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5073, ALOK BABU R, 23749/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, SRINAGAR BANGALORE, 108360700048881, GANESH R, 7500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8890, KOWSALYA R, 17160/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, 8918, SANTHOSH, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8936, SANTHOSH, 49000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 108360730030867, MAHADESH M, 14900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, SRINIVAS NAGAR, 123130700041838, RAJU M, 142000/-, CHAIN 1, 123130730028380, CHANDHRASHEKAR, 34037/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9159, VANDANA, 63060/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1, 9180, KIRANPRASADH S, 63120/-, CHAIN 1, 123130730031351, SHARANABASAVA, 132140/-, BANGLE 1, ST JOHN S CHURCH ROAD(COLES PARK), 104390700736667, ROHIT D JAIN, 160000/-, BANGLE 1, 6747, RANI K, 17400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6755, ROHIT D JAIN, 190190/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, SUBBAYYA CIRCLE, 108930700043216, GOPAL M J, 15408/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4130, DILEEP KUMAR R, 149149/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 4179, TARANNUM KHANUM, 20900/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 4180, TARANNUM KHANUM, 69500/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 1, 4364, RAMESH L, 199999/-, CHAIN 1, 5018, SHYLAJA, 112598/-, BANGLE 1, 108930730031824, PREKSHA R, 244934/-, BANGLE 1, SULTHANPALAYA MAIN ROAD RT NAGAR, 105160700064101, SUSHMITHA M, 9857/-, DROPS 1, 4234, MONIKA, 33000/-, CHAIN 1, 4241, GK MAHABOOB SUBHANI, 36000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 4286, MOHAMMED ILLIYAS, 33000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 105160730023438, RAVINDRA, 127476/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, SUNKADAKATTE, 104370700817246, VIJAY S, 26982/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 7350, SHIVA KUMAR M C, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7422, ARUN M, 179000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 3,MATTI 1,STUD 1, 7439, MUNIRAJU S, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE RURAL, T B CIRCLE DODDABALLAPUR, 127520700021981, MUJAHID KHAN, 4000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7937, NAGARAJA Y, 15700/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8131, NIRMALA M, 28500/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 127520730016225, HARISH KUMAR H, 16711/-, STUD 1, 6503, NARAYANA A, 21785/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6506, HARISH K, 32708/-, CHAIN 1, 127520750000029, HARICHARAN R, 76000/-, CHAIN 1, CHIKKABALLAPUR, T B ROAD, SIDDALGHATTA, 126820700042185, MARESH KUMAR, 11000/-, DROPS 1, 2241, NETHRAVATHI, 17000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2310, MUNIKRISHANA B V, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2315, SRINIVASA T R, 50000/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 2428, CHETHAN KUMAR R, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 2481, J N SUBRAMANI, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2510, ASHOKA M A, 61000/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 2568, VENKATESH B P, 15000/-, STUD 1, 2569, NAVEENA M, 35600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2651, BALAKRISHNA, 7900/-, STUD 1, 2681, DEVARAJA R, 41270/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 126820730050847, ACHULA R, 16040/-, MATTI 1, 0883, VIJAY KUMAR K S, 32314/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, TUMKUR, T DASARAHALLY, 119640700048729, BELURAMMA, 17500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8740, BASAVARAJU G, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8812, BELURAMMA, 18500/-, EAR RINGS 1, BANGALORE, T.C.PALAYA, 108240700035055, MANJUNATHA K V, 64173/-, BANGLE 1, 6319, JAYAN NAIR S, 11000/-, LOCKET 1,STUD 1, 6322, MURTHY, 11160/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6481, GOTLURU JESWANTH KUMAR REDDY, 45000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 6511, SIMHAM MANOJ RANJITH KRUPA SAGAR, 7732/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6526, THENMOZHI, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6538, PRABHA, 8500/-, STUD 1, 108240730021312, 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MAGA MUST DIAL DOWN HATE AFTER TRUMP'S SUPPORT FOR H-1B VISAS

WITH Donald Trump throwing his weight behind the popular H-1B visa scheme, one element of concern for lakhs of highly skilled Indians receded. For, Indians are its biggest beneficiaries—as much as 72 percent of all H-1B visas went to them in 2023. From calling H-1B very bad and unfair in his first tenure, the US president-elect swung to the other end of the spectrum by claiming 'he always liked it' in a recent media interview. Last June, he appeared expansive as he suggested that international students should automatically get green cards when they graduate from US colleges. While Trump is capable of policy flips in a blink, his fight essentially is against illegal immigration. That is in sync with the known position of Indian-American Sriram Krishnan, whom he recently appointed as senior policy advisor on AI in the White House. Krishnan's hire triggered a firestorm of protest and a flurry of hate messaging on social media since he advocates merit-based immigration and favours lifting country caps on green cards. Country-specific limits put those with a large talent pool at a huge disadvantage. Indians can, at present, aspire for only 7 percent of the annual green cards. Trump's MAGA (Make America Great Again) ecosystem saw Krishnan's appointment undermining the America First movement. They accused him of intending to populate Silicon Valley with Indian H-1B visa holders at the expense of native American STEM (Science, Tech, Engg, Maths) graduates.

Trump's stars Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy pushed back and listed the merits of continuing the foreign worker visa programme, but were panned by fellow Republican elite like Steve Bannon and Nikki Haley. Ramaswamy lit the nationalist fuse, castigating American culture as venerating mediocrity over excellence. Bannon hit back, saying support for H-1B was a 'total scam'. And Haley didn't see anything wrong with American workers or its culture. It was this mixed messaging Trump sought to address by indicating his leaning.

Multiple studies suggest that H-1B visa holders complement US workers and are not job stealers as both bring different skill sets to the table. The innovations of foreign workers fuel economic growth and persuade companies to stay invested in the US rather than looking for offshore opportunities. With Trump taking an unambiguous position, MAGA ought to dial down its anti-India propaganda machine for good.

DOUR END TO 2024 AFTER T20 WORLD CUP VICTORY

THE general principle that seems unflappable in cricket is uncertainty. The excitement hinges on that. A match may look poised for a particular ending but can turn at any moment. A short spell of fiery bowling like Jasprit Bumrah's against South Africa at the T20 World Cup final or the wicket of Rishabh Pant in the fourth Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground can be those game-changing moments. A Test that had multiple riveting moments finally ended with Australia winning. India lost the match, but the Test was the epitome of success—as a game. In modern cricket, when five-day Tests are a rarity, this stretched to the last session. It also created a record in attendance at 373,534 across five days, better than an 87-year-old high. That shows Test cricket is still popular. However, the year that saw the biggest high when India won the T20 World Cup—an ICC trophy after 11 years and a World Cup after 13—ended on a rather dour note. Of course, India's worst ignominy this year was the 0-3 series whitewash against New Zealand at home.

The high of Perth (first Test win) and the fortunes of some of the greatest of the game are slowly fading. India captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are under the scanner again. The former has been criticised for his lacklustre captaincy as well. Even on Monday, when the team needed them, both failed. This year, Sharma averages 24.76 and Kohli 24.52 in the longest format. He has two centuries to show at home against England, but since the Bangladesh series began, Sharma has been in poor form. In this tour of Australia, he averages 6.2 in three Tests—31 runs in five innings. In short, Sharma is the most disappointing player in the series so far. Kohli, who had some of the greatest Test innings in Australia, seems to be struggling. At 36, he is not growing younger. Apart from the century in Perth when he came in after the team was in a good position, there was not much on offer. Maybe they are on the last leg. However, the silver lining is Bumrah—the greatest bowler of this generation. As we ring in the new year, let's celebrate Bumrah and Test cricket.

QUICK TAKE

MODERNISE EMISSION CHECKS

DELHI is the world's most polluted capital and its emission-checking systems are outdated. The extant Pollution Under Control (PUC) apparatus serves little purpose as it cannot measure Particulate Matter (PM) emissions, the real culprit. That is why, when pollution is severe, vehicles with older emission standards are banned from plying even if they have valid PUC certificates. Yet millions of motorists are forced to buy them. Instead, the authorities should use remote sensing devices to check real-time emissions and identify faulty vehicles. The government must follow the Supreme Court's latest direction in this regard without any fuss. Also, it is not just about Delhi but a nationwide necessity.

Regimes toppling, countries threatening to vanish off the face of the earth. Wait, the earth may itself have officially entered an existential crisis in 2024. But Happy New Year

THE WORLD IS ENDING ... PASS THE POPCORN

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

WE are not alone in the world in being insular as a people. Let there be the smoke of war and burnt flesh wafting in and mixing with crop stubble ash in our air. Or the noise of people's coups around the corner. Regimes toppling as if in a game theory scenario come true, countries threatening to disappear off the map. Yes, the world order itself can shift its axis. It really did, in 2024, the year that saw the birth pangs of a world about to come.

But we don't look up from our phones. Let the Cassandras say the world could be ending, they always say that anyway. Our traumas are related to a web series ending. Catch us taking our eyes off the last over of a T20 match, a Turkish thriller, or whatever your poison is. Just give us our caramelised popcorn in our push-back multiplex seats, and we Indians won't trouble the world thereafter. At least for the next couple of hours. We never get much troubled by it anyway.

We are not alone in the world in various other ways either. The year we are leaving behind was the hottest ever since temperature recording on a planetary scale began in 1880. Come to think of it, that means hotter than any time during the entire life span of many modern nations, including ours. Nationalism itself, as an accepted way of dividing up the planet, has been in full force for only about a century. Could that finally be a trigger for us to think together as a species?

A polar ice cap's chance in hell. We are bargaining with each other for a 21st-century crisis with a 19th-century mindset. As if 41 extra days of "dangerous heat", which is what we had in 2024 (and promises to be just a trailer), is the sort of thing that will only touch Karachi and not Coimbatore. In reality, there's not even the deluded comfort of Niemöller's classic line that it may "first come for x" (that 'x' being someone else). Everyone sinks—or burns—together. We thought Covid taught us that.

New Delhi was, of course, hot for other reasons, too, in 2024. It's among the few major world capitals where the ruling party was sworn back in after a general election, though trimmed a little in terms of its body mass index. It was a busy year for democracy globally. The Pew Research Center counted well over 60 countries that saw elections, and called it "a difficult year for incumbents".

Only some, like the BJP in India, managed to endure. It was Narendra Modi, therefore, who rubbed shoulders with other world-dominating figures who don't have to bother much with elections at all, like a Xi or a Putin, at the BRICS summit in Kazan. In Japan, the ruling party had been an incumbent almost uninterruptedly since 1955. In 2024, it survived one of its biggest scares, and the opposition got its best score ever. In France, too, Emmanuel Macron barely survived a snap poll and is now very dependent on allies. Sounds familiar?

What else was common? More than just the number of fallen incumbents, the Pew Center helpfully told us that voters in many countries were "rattled by rising prices, divided over cultural issues and angry at the political status quo, (and thus) sent a message of frustration". No one who bothers to look up from a home-made TikTok video in rural India will find that idea too foreign. Likewise, though more invisible, the corporatisation of elections is truly global. Glib "election executives" who manage vast armies that profile voters digitally and create marketing material for sundry parties are everywhere.

Many ruling parties did not survive. The Indian imagination may still be nostalgically colonised by the goings-on in the United Kingdom, where a Rishi Sunak managed a charmingly British statement of self-deprecation with his "life comes at you fast" speech. But really, our former masters do not matter much in the new world order—their role is practically over, except as a caddie to the Big Boy who struts around the entire golf course.

And that is, of course, where the most famous regime change happened. And Donald Trump promises to be a Black Swan event all by himself. Why should the post-Covid world have it so easy? He may be just the biggest piece of evidence in a world-wide lurch to the Right, and there's much interest in terms of pure political theory. He comes in 20 days after the last Sun of 2024 sets but occupies the very frontiers of Right Libertarian 'minarchism'—a self-contradictory being—along with someone who came in 20 days before the first sunrise of 2024: Argentinian president Javier Milei.

Someone who dislikes the state as the big boss of the biggest state. How does that work? Most people in Gaza, those still left that is, have no time to spend on the results of that experiment. They have their own laboratory, where they are the Guinea pigs. Treblinka might have passingly (and tremblingly) felt a touch of déja vu as some estimates of the numbers consigned to history ranged up towards 200,000. A letter published in the *Lancet* suggesting such a range finally caused some heads to turn in the world.

How many died in Gaza in 2024? The factual answer is that we will never really know. How many were babies? That's a 'we don't know' within a 'we don't care'. Counting the dead is a grim and boring but professional exercise, and there are analysts who pore over all kinds of data and results from statistical modelling—satellite imagery of the acreage of bombed buildings, and the like—but it's always a range. In the Ukraine-Russia war, the total number of dead and injured is apparently about one million. In Syria, in the last dozen years or so, the death toll alone is upwards of 600,000. How many Israeli soldiers have died? They don't tell so easily.

Too much of a digression. The world is only interested in who will finally control the untapped lithium beneath Ukraine's soil, said to be the world's largest. Whether Israel wants just the land, or also the water and anything else that may lie under the land. Whether a gas pipeline from the Arab states can now pass through Syria onward to Europe via Turkey, through a peace enforced by the children of ISIS (nurtured by the Big Boys). Can Syria fall off the map altogether? Can countries cease to exist? Why did South Korea have three presidents in one month? Will Iran survive? …

Will we get tickets for *Pushpa 2* on the weekend?

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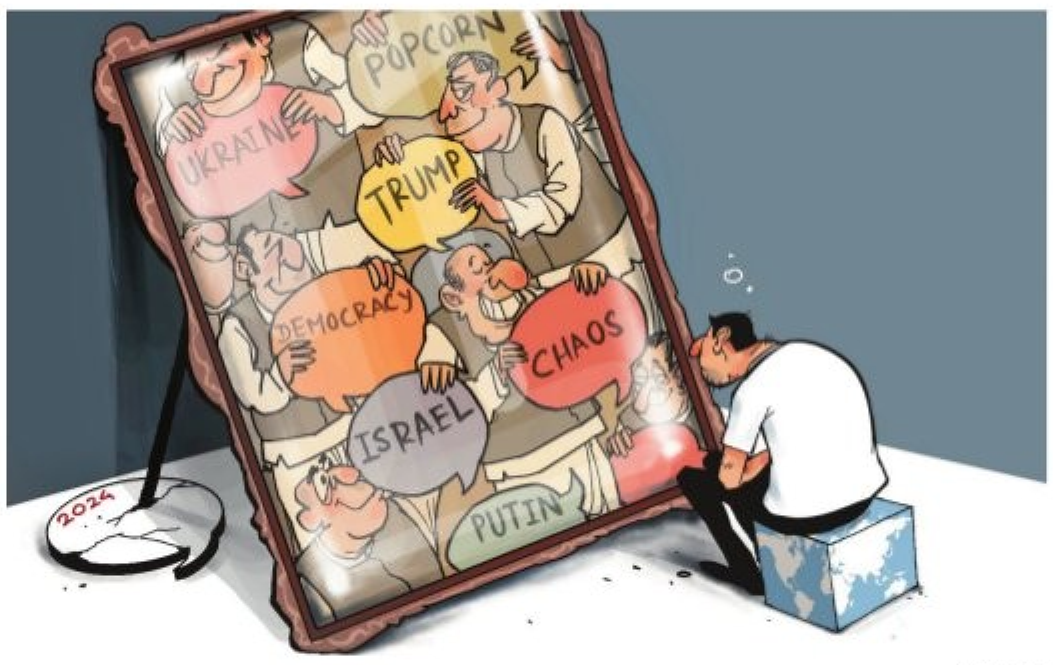

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ECO-PRECARIAT STRUGGLES IN UNLIVEABLE CITIES

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BENGALURU'S 'pleasant weather' tag has taken a hit as the city saw extreme heat waves in the summer, followed by torrential rains that flooded various parts of the city. The effects of these erratic conditions are disproportionate for the most vulnerable groups, like gig workers and street vendors, who face a loss of income, life and livelihood.

For instance, reports indicate gig workers are blocked from platforms for being absent because of climatic hazards. Another study conducted in Delhi highlighted the disastrous effects of heatwaves on workers in the informal sector. Against this backdrop, ensuring the safety and health of these groups against extreme climatic conditions becomes a matter of right.

The concept of urban capital conglomerations—cities—has been a spawn of industrial capitalism since time immemorial. The continuing relevance of this idea and the infrastructural design of cities still cater to the economic sensibilities of capitalistic enterprises as opposed to the social needs of residents. An ideological shift is needed to view cities not as centres of profit alone but also as habitats for people.

Liveability of cities has emerged as a post-materialist concept that encompasses several fields of planning such as transportation, community development, resilience, etc. However, in the 21st century, greater challenges must be braved to account for the liveability of cities, such as adverse climates. The magnitude of the issue has surpassed mere drastic changes in weather patterns. What this means is that such cities are unliveable for eco-precariat workers.

'Eco-precariat' is a term for workers employed in environmental and climate-related sectors without proper pay, job security, or employment benefits. People employed as gig workers and street vendors, among others, fall under this category. Climate resilience for such workers is not only to ensure their liveability but to protect their climate-vulnerable livelihoods.

Street vendors are exposed to considerable climate risks such as heatwaves, pollution and waterlogging, which lead to health issues, shorter working hours and loss of perishable goods and income that can plunge their families into cyclical poverty. This situation, along with a lack of legislation for the protection of gig workers and inconsistent implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, has left them in a climate-vulnerable lurch.

Currently, no regulatory framework effectively addresses the impact of climate disasters on vulnerable communities in Karnataka. In the case of gig workers, although Karnataka has released a draft law to offer protections, there has been no conversation about the impact of climate change. In the case of street vendors, although there is a legal framework to regulate the activities of street vendors, it does not integrate any climate-related risks.

While Bengaluru has a climate action plan and Karnataka has a state heat action plan, they do not account for preparedness for vulnerable groups disproportionately exposed to extreme climatic conditions. Even though the government releases ad-hoc advisories at the onset of heatwaves and floods, workers face a brutal choice—risk their jobs by staying at home or risk their lives by exposing themselves to extreme climatic conditions.

Although the ideological shift required to build a liveable and climate-resilient city would ideally be a long-drawn process, the state can still look to protect the most vulnerable individuals in the city. It needs ideation in developing innovative micro-finance solutions such as the extreme heat income micro-insurance, which is a partnership of an organisation of informal workers known as the Self-Employed Women's Association, an insurance technology firm (Blue Marble) and a non-profit (the Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation) in Gujarat.

The pilot programme was designed to dole out compensation triggered by an algorithm based on satellite-assessed temperature data over three days. For example, a minimum three-day temperature record of 44 degrees would call for a payout to compensate for some of the lost income incurred during said period.

Without a consistent umbrella climate legislation, Karnataka can ideally classify eco-precariat workers mainly as climate-vulnerable workers by bringing a climate micro-insurance law for their benefit. It would then act as a safety net that can be legislated under entry 23 of the Concurrent List of the Constitution. It could insure the lives of the workers or go on to insure their perishable goods or income.

However, there is a flip side to this model, as constant payouts in the face of escalating climate risks could prove unsustainable unless governments implement preemptive strategies or devolve other financial innovations to constantly augment revenue flow. That is possible by imposing a heat cess on entities that contribute to excess heat, such as the top five emitters in the vicinity.

Thus, deeper thought is needed to foray into alleviating the social implications of climate change for the climate vulnerable. In this case, the workers must unite against the common enemy of climate change, the most challenging woe of our time.

(Views are personal)

AP

> The concept of cities has always been a spawn of industrial capitalism. Their infrastructural design still caters to economic sensibilities of capitalistic enterprises. An ideological shift is needed to view cities not as centres of profit alone but also as habitats for people

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MAILBAG

WRITE TO: letters@newindianexpress.com

Deserting India

Ref: Why are rich Indians deserting India? (Dec 29) The article is absolutely spot on! An architect with 46+ years of experience in India and abroad with frequent travels out of the country, I despair at every return about India's future as our cities crumble infrastructurally, accompanied by declining livability. Over three decades ago, I returned to India after a long stint abroad with a world-famous architect, designing major projects of international repute. As a patriotic Indian, I chose to return home and design habitats and building types to better my country's urban landscape. The first 15 years of intense work gave me some hope that I was engaged in helping build a better India, but the last 20, especially the last decade, have left me acutely depressed. You have perfectly described the situation today and the indifferent attitude of the decision-makers and those bureaucrats responsible. I was in Moscow recently. It was a revelation; the cleanest European capital with a superb metro system and frequency of trains far superior to Paris or London. And then I return to India to the chaos of our roads, the filth, garbage, pollution and lack of civility of the Indian citizens, like rats trapped in a cage, tearing one another apart to survive. Our so-called smart cities are a fraud, providing a few amenities that are standard infra in many countries of the south! It's too late for me to move abroad; my commitments here are too important to abandon, but I often wish I hadn't made the fateful decision to return. I am the last of my family remaining in India. Hundreds of relatives are scattered abroad, enjoying living in countries with good civic amenities. My closest relative died this year. As you described, her exceptionally well-off family members are international citizens with abodes in several countries enjoying the best addresses abroad, while high-paid executives professionally run their companies. I see more children of my friends, especially those inheriting and running industries, doing the same thing. Abandoning India because, as the saying goes, "they can choose their suffering." Earlier this millennium, the BBC interviewed a famous British economist, who said countries with incompetent rulers and bureaucrats mess up things and consistently raise taxes to the extent that those individuals who are, by their occupations and ventures, creating wealth for their country, start leaving, often shifting their ventures abroad. Our finance minister's absurd decision to impose GST on popcorn at cinemas reveals her poverty of imagination and a sadistic streak that has made her the hated laughingstock of ordinary people. She is doing a great job in accelerating the Indian exodus. I hope my only child will do the same in a few years.

P Fowler, email

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ASSOCIATION ON EQUAL TERMS OF THE STATES

During the Constituent Assembly debate, Prof KT Shah said the word 'federal' implies an agreed association on equal terms of the states forming part of the federation. The states in India must be "states forming part of the federation".

Finish Line 2024

FIRST AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

- Empowered the state to create special provisions for the advancement of socially and economically backward classes
- Ensured the protection of laws related to the acquisition of estates and similar matters
- Introduced the Ninth Schedule to shield land reform laws and other included legislation from judicial review

ADDED ARTICLES 31A AND 31B AFTER ARTICLE 31

- Imposed three additional grounds for restricting freedom of speech and expression: public order, friendly relations with foreign states, and incitement to an offence

2ND AMENDMENT ACT, 1952

The scale of representation in the Lok Sabha was readjusted stating that 1 member can represent even more than 7.5 lakh people

7TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1956

- The provision of having a common High Court for two or more states was introduced
- Abolition of Class A, B, C and D states — 14 States & 6 Union Territories were formed
- Introduction of UTs

9TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1960

Adjustments to Indian Territory as a result of an agreement with Pakistan (Indo-Pak Agreement 1958):

Cession of Indian territory of Berubari Union (West Bengal) to Pakistan

10TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1961

Dadra, Nagar, and Haveli incorporated in the Union of Indian as a Union Territory

12TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1962

Goa, Daman and Diu incorporated in the Indian Union as a Union Territory

13TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1962

Nagaland was formed with special status under Article 371A

14TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1962

- Pondicherry incorporated into the Indian Union
- Union Territories of Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Goa, Daman and Diu and Puducherry were provided the legislature and council of ministers

19TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1966

System of Election Tribunals was abolished and High Courts were given the power to hear the election petitions

21ST AMENDMENT ACT, 1967

Sindhi language was included into 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution

24TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1971

The President's assent to Constitutional Amendment Bill was made compulsory

25TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1971

Fundamental Right to Property was curtailed

31ST AMENDMENT ACT, 1972

Lok Sabha seats were increased from 525 to 545

35TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1974

The status of Sikkim as protectorate state was terminated and Sikkim was given the status of 'Associate State' of India

36TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1975

Sikkim was made a full-fledged state of India

40TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1976

Parliament was empowered to specify from time to time the limits of the territorial waters, the continental shelf, the exclusive economic zone and maritime zones of India

42ND AMENDMENT ACT, 1976

It is one of the most important amendments to the Indian Constitution. It was enacted by the Indian National Congress headed by Indira Gandhi then. Due to the large number of amendments this act has brought to the Indian Constitution, it is also known as 'Mini-Constitution.'

THE 42ND AMENDMENT ATTEMPTED TO ALTER THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION.

For preamble

- For the words 'Sovereign Democratic Republic', the words 'Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic' was substituted
- For the words 'unity of the Nation', the words 'unity and integrity of the Nation' was substituted

7TH SCHEDULE: TRANSFERRED 5 TOPICS FROM STATE TO CONCURRENT LIST

- Education
- Forests
- Weights & Measures
- Protection of Wild Animals and Birds
- Administration of Justice

ARTICLE 51A : 10 FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES ADDED FOR THE CITIZENS

Parliament

1. Made President bound to the advice of the cabinet
2. Allowed Centre to deploy central forces in State to deal with the conflicting situations of law and order (Article 257A)
3. Gave special discretionary powers to the speaker of the Lok Sabha and Prime Minister (Article 329A)
4. Directive Principles were given precedence over Fundamental Rights and any law made to this effect by the Parliament was kept beyond the scope of judicial review by the Court

FLASHBACK 2024

WE, THE PEOPLE

OUR Constitution is 75 years old. We adopted it on the "26th day of November" in 1949, with India solemnly pledging its allegiance to the document. Our Parliament thought of debating the seminal text during the winter session to mark the occasion. The idea elicited a rare unified response from the treasury and opposition benches.

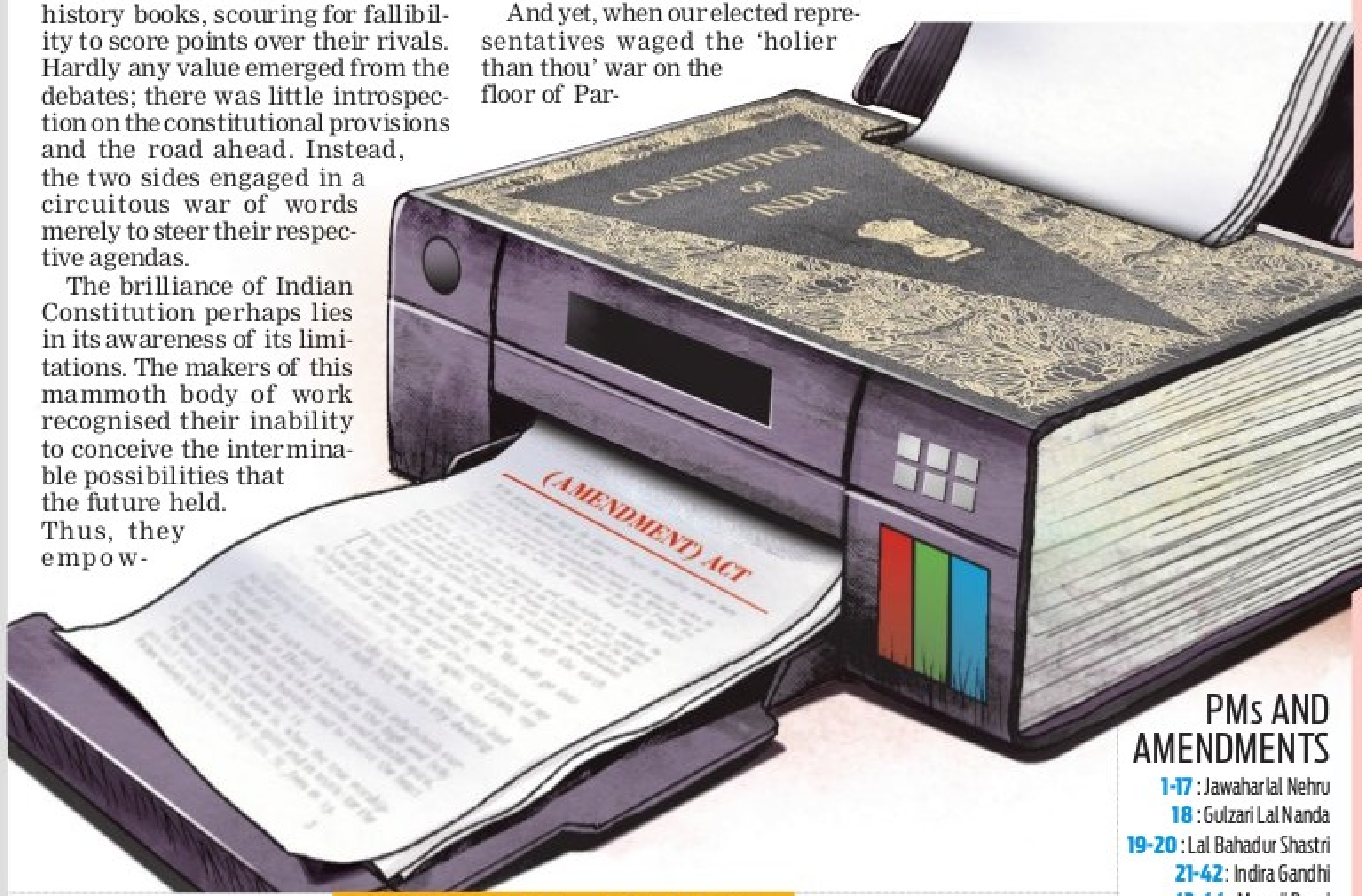
However, the book eventually took a backseat as politicians bent over history books, scouring for fallibility to score points over their rivals. Hardly any value emerged from the debates; there was little introspection on the constitutional provisions and the road ahead. Instead, the two sides engaged in a circuitous war of words merely to steer their respective agendas.

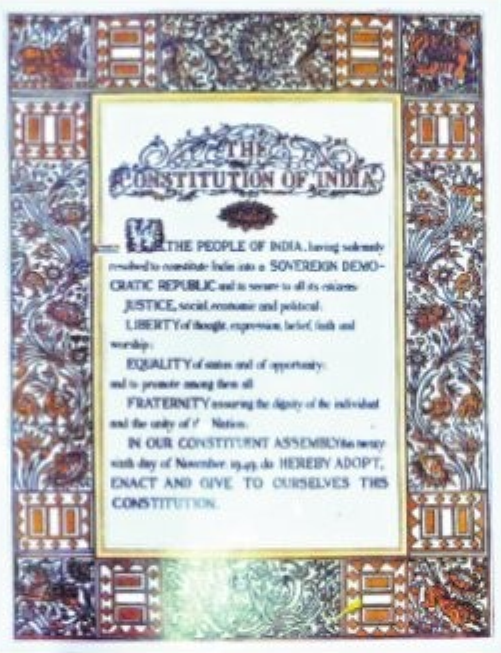
The brilliance of Indian Constitution perhaps lies in its awareness of its limitations. The makers of this mammoth body of work recognised their inability to conceive the interminable possibilities that the future held. Thus, they empowered the text by making it mutable, one that could adapt according to the needs of the time, as long as its founding principles remained firm and unchanged.

In its 75-year journey, the Constitution has seen 106 amendments, all intended to broaden its scope and applicability. While these amendments have been crucial in addressing the changing dimensions of Indian polity, they also fostered the agendas of the ruling party of the day.

And yet, when our elected representatives waged the 'holier than thou' war on the floor of Parliament, the ghost of Dr BR Ambedkar returned to haunt them. Neither the treasury nor the opposition benches could fully spit or swallow the tenets founded by Baba Saheb.

Having served no purpose, the sound and fury of the fracas eventually fizzled out. The politicos still swore by the book and pledged greater faith to it than their rivals though they forewent discussing the Constitution. And Baba Saheb won.





THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;

and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the Nation;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

THE 44TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1978

IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

The act was introduced to provide safeguards against the recurrence of the tendency to take over the fundamental rights by the transient majority in the future and to ensure to the people an effective voice in determining the form of government under which they are to live. This act also nullified various provisions that were brought into the Indian Constitution as new articles or as amendments by the 42nd Amendment Act

THE CHANGES

- Restored original tenure of Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies to five years
- Any changes in the basic structure of the Constitution can be made only if they are approved by the people by a majority of votes at a referendum in which at least 51% of the electorate participated. Article 368 was amended to ensure this
- Reversed the provision made by the 42nd amendment act that allowed the government to amend the Constitution on its wish by Article 368. 44th Amendment Act nullified this power to the government
- Right to Property was removed from fundamental rights (Article 31) and was made a legal right under Article 300A
- Replaced the term 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' in provisions concerning a national emergency
- Proclamation of Emergency can be issued only when the security or any part of its territory is threatened by war or external aggression or by armed rebellion
- An emergency can be proclaimed only on the basis of written advice tendered to the President or by the Cabinet
- Right of the media to report freely and without censorship the proceedings in Parliament and the State Legislatures
- Removed provisions that denied courts the authority to adjudicate election disputes involving the President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, and Speaker of the Lok Sabha

52ND AMENDMENT ACT, 1985

ANTI-DEFECTION LAW

- The 10th Schedule popularly referred to as the 'Anti-Defection Law' was inserted; 'Defection' has been defined as, "To abandon a position or association, often to join an opposing group"

61ST AMENDMENT ACT, 1989

Voting age was decreased from 21 to 18 for both Lok Sabha and Assemblies polls

65TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1990

National Commission for SC/ST was formed and the office of a special officer for SCs/STs was removed

69TH AMENDMENT ACT, 1991

- Union Territory of Delhi was given the special status of 'National Capital Territory of Delhi'; 70-member legislative assembly and a 7-member council of ministers were formed

71ST AMENDMENT ACT, 1992

Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali languages included in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution. Total official languages: 18

73RD AMENDMENT ACT, 1992

Panchayati Raj institutions were given constitutional status

86TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2002

Elementary education was made a fundamental right; Free and compulsory education to kids between 6 and 14 years

88TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2003

Provision of Service Tax was made under Article 268-A; Service tax levied by Union and collected and appropriated by the Union and the states

92ND AMENDMENT ACT, 2003

Bodo, Dogri (Dongri), Maithili and Santhali added in 8th schedule

95TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

Extended the reservation of seats for the SCs/STs and special representation for Anglo-Indians in the Lok Sabha and the legislative assemblies for a further period of 10 years i.e., up to 2020 (Article 334)

97TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2011

Co-operative Societies were granted constitutional status

100TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2015

- To pursue land boundary agreement 1974 between India and Bangladesh, exchange of some enclave territories with Bangladesh mentioned
- Provisions relating to the territories of Assam, West Bengal, Meghalaya in the first schedule amended

101ST AMENDMENT ACT, 2016

Goods and Service Tax (GST) introduced

102ND AMENDMENT ACT, 2018

Constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes

103RD AMENDMENT ACT, 2019

A maximum of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections of citizens of classes other than classes mentioned in clauses (4) and (5) of Article 15, i.e. Classes other than socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or the SCs/STs

104TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2020

Extended deadline for the cessation of seats for SCs/STs in the Lok Sabha and assemblies from 70 years to 80. Removed the reserved seats for the Anglo-Indian community in the Lok Sabha & assemblies

105TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2021

Restored state governments' power to prepare Socially & Educationally Backward Classes list

106TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2023

This was the women's reservation bill which reserves one-third of all seats for women in Lok Sabha, state legislative assemblies, and the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi

COLONIAL VS DESI

'For things going wrong, don't blame British'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Constitution borrows from the Government of India Act of 1935, but it differs from it substantially, too. If India inherited rule of law and due process doctrines from the British, remember that fundamental rights, accountable government, popular sovereignty and democracy are indigenous without colonial credentials.

The biggest argument to counter the colonial continuity component is this: parties of all hues that fought for ridding India of the colonials briefly contested provincial polls and formed governments and passed laws while being part of the colonial state.

Were the laws they passed colonial? These governments passed legislation when Indian citizens and their leaders were subject to the British colonial Constitution. They led a freedom movement against the colonials while working under the latter's colonial framework.

Yes, there is substantial colonial continuity. The civil service and police which were tools of colonial control did survive, and thrive, in post-colonial period. For, law and order, administration and governance, and their institutions are mandatory whether a colonial or a post-colonial is in power.

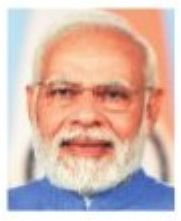
Father of the Constitution BR Ambedkar had the word so many years ago: "By independence, we have lost the excuse of blaming the British for anything going wrong. If hereafter things go wrong, we will have nobody to blame except ourselves."

'Time to remove colonial mindset in letter & spirit'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE second of the 'panch paraan' Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked of on August 15, 2022 referred to discarding the colonial mindset in law and spirit.

Conservatives have always argued the Constitution is a colonial document because it copied much from the Government of India Act, 1935. Some said a colonial mindset made the Constitution a prescriptive document, assuming, like the British, that Indians cannot govern themselves and need to be governed.



In later years, when the BJP came to power, the Constitution underwent changes to meet its objectives by following the parliamentary process. The Constitution was amended to get rid of Article 370 in Kashmir. Havelock Island is now called Swaraj Dweep. Triple Talaq was declared unconstitutional.

Simultaneously, the BJP undertook exercises to erase the colonial mindset. It Indianised names of institutions, roads, buildings, official procedures, even islands, to relieve them of colonial nomenclature. Raj Path became Kartavya Path. Subhas Chandra Bose replaced King George V at India Gate. The Navy got a new ensign. Three British-period criminal laws got Hindi names.

Swarajya magazine has the last word: "One problem with the Indian Constitution is that it was entirely conceived and written in a foreign language, English, which means its interpretation will also be alien to our culture even if our courts are Indian."

PMs AND AMENDMENTS

1-17 : Jawaharlal Nehru
18 : Gulzari Lal Nanda
19-20 : Lal Bahadur Shastri
21-42 : Indira Gandhi
43-44 : Morarji Desai
45-51 : Indira Gandhi
52-61 : Rajiv Gandhi
62-67 : V P Singh
68 : Chandrashekhar
69-78 : PV Narasimha Rao
79-92 : Atal Bihari Vajpayee
93-98 : Manmohan Singh
99-106 : Narendra Modi

PARTIES AND AMENDMENTS

75 : CONGRESS
22 : BJP
3 : JANATA PARTY
6 : JANATA DAL
1 : SAMAJWADI JANATA PARTY (RASHTRIYA)

KEY Highlights

Lengthiest Written Constitution:

The Indian Constitution is the longest written constitution in the world

Initially, in 1949, it comprised a Preamble, 395 Articles organised into 22 Parts, and 8 Schedules

As of 2019, it includes a Preamble, around 470 Articles divided into 25 Parts, along with 12 Schedules

Drawn From Various Sources:

The Constitution of India extensively borrows from various international constitutions and the Government of India Act of 1935

World's biggest and largest democracies

1789
US is the oldest democracy in the world

1950
Indian Constitution was ratified

IN INDIA
the Constitution can only be amended by Parliament.

- Role of state is limited in India
- In US, states can propose a constitutional amendment.

NEITHER INDIAN NOR THE US CONSTITUTIONS PROVIDE A TIME LIMIT FOR VERIFICATION.

United states Constitution amended **27 TIMES**

Indian Constitution amended **106 TIMES**

- In US, amendments require a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the states.
- In India, amendments require approval by a two-thirds majority in both houses of Parliament.

THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION BORROWED MANY FEATURES FROM THE US CONSTITUTION

- Impeachment of the president
- Functions of president and vice-president
- Removal of Supreme Court and HC judges
- Fundamental Rights
- Judicial review
- Independence of judiciary

The US Constitution is rigid in its format and consists of only **7 ARTICLES** and 27 amendments

The Indian Constitution is the lengthiest Constitution written to date. It consists of 12 schedules and **448 ARTICLES** in 22 parts

TREKKERS RESCUED

Ten children were rescued by Thane police and disaster response force personnel after they got trapped while trying to save themselves from a bee attack during a trekking trip at Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

3K SPECIAL
TRAINS TO RUN DURING MAHA KUMBH IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	15	Mumbai	30	21
Bhopal	25	09	Panaji	32	19
Jaipur	22	09	Patna	26	13
Amritsar	19	03	Lucknow	25	09
Chennai	24	22	Port Blair	27	25
Kolkata	26	16	Imphal	23	10
Srinagar	08	-03	Chandigarh	21	06

After good show in Lok Sabha elections, differences among INDIA allies come to the fore

Mixed bag for 'divided' Oppn in '24

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WHEN the INDIA bloc made a stunning comeback in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections — the world's largest democratic exercise — political pundits compared it with the successful 1977 model of the Opposition parties coming together to dislodge Indira Gandhi.

Though the Opposition alliance ended up as runners-up in the fiercely fought electoral battle, their major accomplishment was denying the BJP the magic figure of 272 seats, needed to form the government.

The NDA alliance led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi came back to a third term in power with 292 seats.

The INDIA bloc had more reasons to cheer about the electoral outcome as it has been widely predicted that the alliance is bound to crumble due to infighting and vested interests. Moreover, surveys and experts were also skeptical about the alliance's ability to trump the BJP's electoral invincibility and its narratives on economic success and Hindutva.

The differences among the INDIA bloc partners came to the fore in several instances. In West Bengal, CM Mamata Banerjee refused to cede any seats to Congress in the state. In Bihar, the alliance suffered a huge blow after Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal-United (JDU) jumped ship to join the BJP-led NDA. Many attribute the impressive performance of the Opposition to its campaigns around 'fight to protect the Constitution and democracy'.

Though the stunning performance of the Opposition parties was interpreted as a churn in the political landscape and a revival for the principal opposition Congress party and its allies, skeptics were many.

Six months down the line, the anti-BJP camp seems to grapple with internal conflicts after the BJP's massive electoral triumphs in the Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls.

The recently concluded Winter Session of Parliament further exposed the cracks in the Opposition unity with several alliance partners questioning the Congress's ability to lead the coalition. As the fulcrum of the alliance, the Congress faced criticism from several leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc as they accused the grand old party of being 'arrogant, overconfident and entitled'. The constituents had attributed the party's poor show to the 'overconfidence and arrogance' of the state leadership.

The unease among the allies is palpable with several parties including Samajwadi party (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT), and RJD supporting Mamata Banerjee as the face of the alliance.

Though the beginning of the winter session saw parties such as SP, TMC and AAP distancing themselves from the Congress over raising the Adani issue in parliament, the row over Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks over Ambedkar led to the regrouping of the parties.

The challenge for the parties will be the impending assembly elections in Delhi and Bihar, where the alliances will be put to the test. If the Congress fails to perform in these polls, the chorus for the grand old party to step down from the leadership role will only grow.

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Vajpayee's 'good goverance', Modi schemes on BJP agenda

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

AFTER celebrating the Constitution Day, the BJP is gearing up for a year-long 'Sangathan Parva' coinciding with Atal Jayanti in which former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 'good governance' will be highlighted. During the campaign, the party will also showcase Prime Minister Narendra Modi's schemes and his model of 'minimum government, maximum governance', sources said.

"At the heart of 'Sangathan Parva' is a comprehensive outreach campaign that combines Vajpayee's legacy with Modi's governance policies oriented towards development with 'saab ke saath saab ke vikas'," said a senior BJP leader.

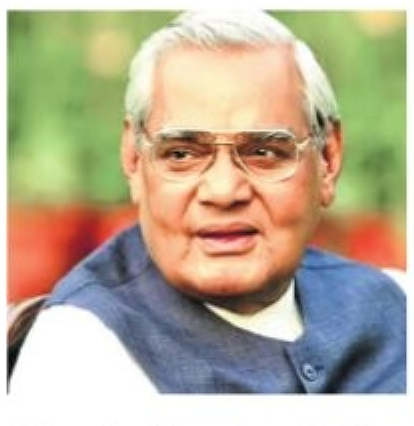
A series of programmes will be held to mark the year-long Atal jayanti till December 25, 2025 in which Congress's handling of issues, including the allegation of the BJP defaming BR Ambedkar in parliament, will be countered, the BJP leader said. "The planned activities will emphasise progress across sectors under Modi's leadership and address how the Congress has undermined Ambedkar's ideologies," he said.

BJP leaders said that preparations for the campaign are being done along with completion of district- and state-level organisational polls in the run-up to the election of a new national party president.

During a meeting on Sunday, BJP office-bearers from state to central levels discussed strategies for implementing 'Sangathan Parva' and engaging with the public throughout the year. The agenda also covered preparations for the organisational elections, slated for February, in which party chief JP Nadda's successor will be chosen. On December 26, BJP leaders held a crucial meeting with RSS functionaries at the party headquarters. "The discussion centred on ensuring better coordination during the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections and streamlining the Sangathan Parva activities," a party leader said.

"BJP wants to use the Sangathan Parva as a strategic opportunity to bolster grassroots engagement while reinforcing its governance credentials and exposing the opposition failures," the leader said.

The party has set the deadline to wrap the Sangathan Parva activities by January 15 before BJP president's election.



'Sangathan Parva'

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Pak betting app scam: ED says promoters earned more than 50% profit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate's (ED) investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has revealed that alleged online betting website 'Magicwin' owned by Paisani nationals has earned profits that were more than 50 percent of the total deposits made by the betting players.

A source said that the agency sleuths have so far found that the total amounts of more than ₹1,000 crore were allegedly rerouted to promoters' accounts through merchant accounts of various shell companies maintained with payment gateways/ aggregators. The amounts are also allegedly transferred though domestic money transfer, he added.

"The agency has so far seized more than 50 bogus companies and over 100 fake bank accounts and it is estimated that the total scam amounts to the tune of more than ₹1,000 crore," the source said.

Earlier, the ED sleuths conducted searches at 21 locations in Mumbai, Pune and Delhi as part of its probe. The alleged betting site is accused of illegally broadcasting the cricket Men' T20 World Cup matches.

The ED has registered its case on the basis of an FIR registered by Cyber Crime police, Ahmedabad. "It was revealed that the website is allegedly operated from Dubai but is owned by Pakistani nationals," the source said, adding that the betting games allegedly shown on the website was actually played in Philippines and other countries, where betting activities are legal.

"Bank funds, to the tune of ₹30 lakh approximately, were frozen along with various other incriminating documents and digital devices that have been seized under provisions of the PMLA," the ED said.

A senior ED official said that betting activities like deposits, placing of bets, and withdrawals are "controlled" by the "owners" of Magicwin base in Dubai and Pakistan.

A "launch party" for the portal, where several "B-town celebrities" attended and endorsed Magicwin, is also under the scanner of the agency, the official said.

From logistics to innovation, India improves rankings in 10 yrs: Govt

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

OVER the past decade, India has cemented its position as the world's fifth-largest economy, demonstrating progress in areas ranging from logistics and innovation to security and cyber security, government sources said.

"Achievements under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership have propelled India's global rankings and redefined its role in the international arena," a government statement said. Between 2015 and 2018, India experienced a jump of 42 places in the ease of doing business index, emerging as an attractive destination for investment. On the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI), India improved its rank from 71st in 2014 to 39th in 2018, driven by developments in infrastructure, market size, and innovation, the statement said.

In 2022, India's aviation safety oversight mechanism climbed to 48th position from 102nd, surpassing China, Israel, and Denmark. By 2024, India had further consolidated its global standing with remarkable achievements. In 2024, India ranked among the top four nations with the largest foreign exchange reserves, surpassing $700 billion.

Between April 2014 and September 2024, the nation recorded FDI inflows of $709.84 billion, accounting for nearly 69% of the overall inflows over the past 24 years. "In manufacturing, India emerged as the world's second-largest producer of crude steel, trailing only China, and also secured the second position in mobile phone production, solidifying its status as a manufacturing hub," the statement said.

In the Global Innovation Index 2024, India improved to 39th place, a rise from 81st in 2015, establishing itself as a global innovation hub. India also advanced by 11 spots in the Network Readiness Index 2024, ranking among the top 50 countries. The country now leads globally in AI talent, ICT services exports, and AI scientific publications, while ranking second in FTTH (Fibre to the Home) subscriptions and mobile internet traffic.

According to the QS World University Rankings- Asia 2025, seven Indian institutions are now among the top 100.

India is the 5th largest economy

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Lenacapavir named 'breakthrough of the year' drug for HIV care

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

IN a step to fight against HIV/ AIDS, the US Food and Drug Administration approved Lenacapavir, an injectable HIV drug. This drug protects people for six months with each shot. The Science journal has hailed the drug for its remarkable effectiveness in eliminating HIV infections, dubbing it as the 'breakthrough of the year.'

The publication said that the development marks a significant step to mitigate the impact of the global health crisis. Many researchers are now hopeful that the drug will drive down global infection rates when used as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), it said.

"It has the potential if we can do it right, which means going big and getting it out there," says Linda-Gail Bekker, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Cape Town, who led one of the two efficacy trials for the drug's maker, Gilead Sciences, a California-based pharma company. Despite decades of progress, HIV continues to pose a challenge to global public health as it continues to infect more than one million people a year.

The increasing optimism about combating HIV/AIDS followed after two groundbreaking clinical trial results for lenacapavir. The trials showed it to be capable of virtually eliminating new HIV infections through sex.

"A large efficacy trial in African adolescent girls and young women reported in June that these shots reduced HIV infections to zero—an astonishing 100% efficacy. Any doubts about the finding disappeared three months later when a similar trial, conducted across four continents, reported 99.9% efficacy in gender-diverse people who have sex with men," the journal said.

Whether the drug will become widely used and speed the end of the epidemic depends on access, delivery, and, of course, demand, it added. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the results from two drug trials "provide compelling evidence for the potential of LEN to transform HIV prevention globally, across diverse populations.

Action on Bihar PSC candidates turns into major row

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

POLITICAL parties sought to corner the Nitish Kumar government on Monday, a day after police cane-charged and used water cannons against Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) candidates protesting against alleged exam paper leak. The candidates are staging protests in Patna demanding retest of the 70th Combined Competitive Preliminary Examination. An FIR was lodged against Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor and 700 others after the protest march on Sunday.

Attacking the NDA government, leader of Opposition in the assembly Tejashwi Prasad Yadav said question papers leaks had become a regular affair. He also targeted Prashant Kishor, calling his party a 'B' team of Nitish Kumar's ruling alliance. "Protesters were misled into marching towards Gandhi Maidan despite the district administration warning against it. When the time to face lathi charge and water cannons came, those who had offered to lead the protests chose to run away," Yadav said, referring to Kishor.

"On 15-16 December, BPSC announced the cancellation of the exam at one centre. If the paper had been leaked, then why is the exam being cancelled only at one centre? It is a kind of normalisation… That's why students are protesting for a re-examination," he said.

Spearheading the Congress attack, MP Priyanka Gandhi said on 'X', "Students were tortured for the second time in three days in Bihar. It is the government's job to stop corruption, rigging and paper leaks in examinations. But instead of stopping corruption, students are being prevented from raising their voice.

Water cannon and lathi charge on the youth in this harsh cold is inhuman. BJP's double engine has become a symbol of double atrocities on the youth."

Meanwhile, Kishor said he has given a 48-hour ultimatum to the BPSC to concede the demands of the students. He also alleged that thousands of crores of rupees changed hands in the Bihar PSC examination to fill up 2035 posts through the exam.

Earlier in the day, a delegation of students met chief secretary Amrit Lal Meena and apprised him of their demand. Later state education minister Sunil Kumar said the BPSC will investigate and take important steps in connection with the students' demand.

Private banks write off loans to make books look good: RBI

BEN KOCHUVEEDAN @Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has warned private sector banks against writing off loans to make their books look good. This practice might be masking delinquencies in the unsecured lending segment and hiding the real asset quality picture, RBI said in its Financial Stability Report (FSR), released on Monday.

The banking regulator's concern comes in the backdrop of data showing improvement in GNPA ratios, which fell to a decadal low in 2024-25. At the system level, GNPAs fell to a 13-year low of 2.6% in the September 2024 quarter. On the other hand, net NPAs plunged to 0.56% during this period.

"Buoyed by falling slippages, higher write-offs and steady credit demand, the gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of 37 banks fell to a multi-year low of 2.6 per cent," the report noted. RBI has also flagged concerns over dilution in underwriting standards.

According to the latest FSR report, which is a half-yearly publication put out by the RBI, the net NPA ratio—the proportion of net non-performing assets in net loans—was at 0.6%.

Notably, the report says fresh accretion of NPAs in the retail loan portfolios was dominated by slippages in the unsecured loan book, at 51.9% as of September 2024.

The report also notes that the banking system's liquidity coverage ratio declined from 135.7% in September 2023 to 128.5% in September 2024, driven by an increase in net cash outflows, which, in turn, is influenced by a rise in less stable sources of funding.

Meanwhile, the share of large borrowers in GNPA has steadily declined over the past two years. And, the asset quality of large borrower portfolios improved considerably, it says.

Rahul, Priyanka slam BJP govt over death of Dalit inside police station

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

CONGRESS leader **Rahul Gandhi** on Monday condemned the death of a Dalit youth in police custody at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh and said it is not possible without the support of the government.

He claimed that the Congress will not tolerate "shameful and highly condemnable" incidents. The party will continue to fight for the rights of "Bahujans" and get justice for them.

"On one hand, Dalit youth was killed in police custody in MP's Dewas. On the other hand, tribal women were tied to trees and beaten in Balasore, Odisha. Both these incidents are sad, shameful and highly condemnable," he posted on X.

"Due to the Manuvadi thinking of the BJP, such incidents are happening one after another in the states ruled by them – this isn't possible without the government's support. Such barbarism against the Bahujans of the country won't be tolerated at any cost," he added.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also alleged that the "insult of Babasaheb Ambedkar and oppression on weaker sections is the basic mantra of BJP's rule".

She said, "The death of a Dalit youth in police custody in Dewas (MP) is extremely serious. The family alleged that the youth died due to police brutality. Earlier, there was news of atrocities on Dalit families and death of a Dalit youth in police custody from Parbhani (Maharashtra). It seems that under the BJP rule, the police have got a free hand to oppress the weaker sections like Dalits, Adivasis and the deprived."

Hours after the incident, opposition Congress leaders led by state party chief Jitu Patwari and former minister Sajjan Singh Verma staged a protest outside the concerned police station over the incident.

Dalit assaulted over 'conversion' in UP's Fatehpur

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A Dalit man (47) was allegedly beaten and paraded with his tonsured head for trying to "coerce a group of residents to convert to Christianity" in Behlopur Alai village of UP's Fatehpur district on Friday.

The victim, Shivbadan, said that the group of 'upper caste men' assaulted him and his family members as he started worshipping Jesus Christ two years ago. The victim is out on bail in a case of anti-conversion law. However, the police lodged a FIR against the accused, Rohit Dixit, Lavlesh Singh, and Somkaran along with unidentified persons.

The police have also registered a counter FIR against Shivbadan and three others based. According to Fatehpur Additional Superintendent of Police, VS Mishra, the investigation is underway and legal action will be taken based on the evidence collected. No one has been arrested so far.

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (APCRDA)

Lenin Centre, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520 002 (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No : 47/Proc/MAU61-USI0INFR/1/2024-IFR1/5B, Dt: 30/12/2024

NAME OF THE WORK : WORLD BANK & ADB financed Amaravati Capital City Development Program related related to "Construction of Roads, Drains, Water Supply, Sewerage, utility Ducts for Power & ICT, Reuse waterline & Avenue Plantation, compatible with trunk infrastructure in Layouts for Land Pooling Schemes for Abbarajupalem (P), Borupalem, Dondapadu(P) and Rayapudi (P) Village in **Zone-5B** area in Amaravati Capital City, Andhra Pradesh on Lump sum contract (% Percentage Tender) including DLP of 2 Years" on Lump sum contract (Percentage Tender). **Est.Cost : Rs. 603.14 Crores**

NIT No : 48/Proc/MAU61-USI0INFR(OTH)/34/ 2024-IFR1/5D, Dt: 30/12/2024

NAME OF THE WORK : WORLD BANK & ADB financed Amaravati Capital City Development Program related related to "Construction of Roads, Drains, Water Supply, Sewerage, utility Ducts for Power & ICT, Reuse waterline & Avenue Plantation, compatible with trunk infrastructure in Layouts for Land Pooling Schemes for Abbarajupalem(P), Thulluru (P) and Rayapudi (P) in **Zone-5D** Area in Amaravati Capital City, Andhra Pradesh on Lump sum contract (% Percentage Tender) including DLP of 2 Years" on Lump sum contract (Percentage Tender). **Est.Cost : Rs. 603.65 Crores**

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **31.12.2024 to 21.01.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **21.01.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **21.01.2025 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in.**

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada

ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕಬಿನಿ ನಾಲೆಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ನಂಜನಗೂಡು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 08221-226261, email: kcdngd@gmail.com

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ.

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 14/2024-25 ದಿ.30.12.2024

ರೂ.25.41 ರಿಂದ 50.77 ಲಕ್ಷದ ವರೆಗಿನ ಮೊತ್ತದ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಏಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ 3 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-2) ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-3) ಅನುಸಾರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು, ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ-ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖೇನ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕಬಿನಿ ನಾಲೆಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ನಂಜನಗೂಡು

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-67/2024-25 **Date: 26.12.2024**

E-TENDERS

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No., Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **S.No.:- 1. 10241323A, (31.01.2025),** Pump Assembly (Turbo soak back pump) to PL No. 16060210, 430 Nos., **2. 10241377A, (03.02.2025),** Lube oil pump assembly to PL No. 16060027, 209 Nos., **3., 01241073, 20.01.2025,** Camshaft ASM-LB & RB, 16030308 & 16030310, 245 & 244 Nos., **4., 10231330B, 17.01.2025,** Water Pump Repair Kit PL-16070124, 2972 Nos., **5., 10231888B, 28.01.2025,** Stub Shaft Taper PL-16140175, 31 Nos., **NOTE:** The details of above tenders are available on **Website: www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in**. **CORRIGENDUM SN.:- 6, Tender No.:- 04242332, Bid No.:- E-64/2024-25, Rev.:-** 01, **Existing due Date:-** 27/12/2024, **Revise due Date:-** 08/01/2025, **SN.:- 7, Tender No.:- 04241032A, Bid No.:- E-64/2024-25, Rev.:-** 01, **Existing due Date:-** 26/12/2024, **Revise due Date:-** 02/01/2025, All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders.

PRO/BLW/S-71 **SMM/IMP-1**

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HDFC Bank Ltd,. Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1,
Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560001, Ph: 080-68906205

ANNEXURE—VI (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Possession Notice

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **25-06-2024** calling upon the borrowers **1) Mr. Nishar Ahmed Abubakar 2) Mrs. Shabanam Banu,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 9663376/-** (Rupees Ninety six lakhs sixty three thousand three hundred and seventy six Only) along with interest , penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **26th Day of Dec, 2024.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd, for an amount of **Rs. 96,63,376/-** (Rupees Ninety six lakhs sixty three thousand three hundred and seventy six Only) along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc., from 05-09-2024.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule of Immovable Property & Security

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Muncipal No. 976/1 (formely CITB No. 976) layout formed by Formerly CITB, Now Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 59th 'C ' Cross Road, 4th 'M' Block, Rajajinagar Extension, Bangalore, Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara palike Rajajinagar range, ward No.14, Bangalore. The Unique Property Identification No. allotted to the property is PID No. 22-27-976/0001/01. Measuring East to West 60'-0 (Sixty Feet) and North to South (29'-0 + 30'-0) /2 (Twenty Nine Plus Thirty Over Two Feet) totally measuring in all 1770 Square feet, along with 16 (Sixteen) Squares R C C roofed house with Mosaic flooring, Cement & bricks used for construction of walls Jungle wood used for preparation of doors and windows, with all civic amenities thereon and by with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the, East by :Road, West by : Property No. 1000 , North by : Property No. 975 and South by : Property No. 977 (Nishar Ahmed Abubakar)

Date: 26.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
For HDFC BANK Ltd.,

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Smt. S. Vijayakumari Sambasivan,** W/o. Sri. Sambashivam, Aged about 68 Years, R/at No. 17, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Ashwath nagar, New Extension, Bangalore-560094 presently R/at. No.16, Appaudayar Street, Katpadi, Vellore-632007 at the time of traveling the said documents was misplaced i.e., sale deed, is registered as Document No.DNH-1-01499/2004-05, entered in CD No. DNHD18, registered on 18-08-2004, in the office of the Sub Register, Devanahalli, Bangalore rural are lost the document.

My client further states that on 28-09-2024 at the time of traveling near by Hebbal ring Road, Bangalore, lost the said Original sale deed, In spite of thorough search she could not find the same. In this regard my client lodged a police complaint to the jurisdictional Bangalore city/Hebbal police on 28-09-2024 and the same was registered in Lost report No. 1263180/2024.

My client hereby request the General Public that anybody who found the said document may kindly contact the undersigned and return the same **within 10 days** from the date of receipt of this notice.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.123, Katha No. 196/128/123, PID No.150300201201520239, issued by Jalige Grama Panchayath, formed out of Sy No. 73 and 72/1, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, converted for non agricultural/residential purpose by order No. ALN.SR.(DA) 3/2004-05 for the Sy No. 73 and Vide order No. ALN.SR.(DA) 2/2004-05 for the Sy No. 72/1 and the site measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 2400 Sq and bounded on the.

East by : Road, **West by :** Site No. 120, **North by:** Site No. 124, **South by :** Site No. 122.

Manjunatha S C, Advocate
No.123, Lakshmi Nivasa, 2nd Floor,
47th Cross, 20th Main, Near Dhobi ghat Bus stand, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010
Mob No. 9448226484
E-Mail: manjusc73@gmail.com
Date: 28-12-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the residential immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owners Narayani Bai, wife of late N. Deva alias Devaraj, No. 22/1, 4th Main Road, S. K. Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560 046 and her sons D. Vijaya Kumar, D. Ravindran, D. Ganesh, Ashok D., D. Ramesh, and Joseph D.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s having any claim or asserting any type of right over the Schedule Property may file his/her/their objections with documentary evidence with the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this publication, as otherwise my clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Property or objections to the proposed sale in any manner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Land with residential building thereon now known as and bearing Municipal No. 22/1, situated at 4th Main, S. K. Garden, (Syed Khader Garden), Bangalore, (formerly Site No. 39 in Survey No. 44 of Kayamgutta Baiderahalli Village, Civil Station, Bangalore), BBMP Ward No. 91, New Ward No. 61, PID No. 91-50-22/1, being bounded on the

East by : Property No. 38
West by : Property No. 40
North by : Property No. 28 belonging to M. Raghupathi
South by : Road

Measuring: East to West : 30 Feet
North to South : 50 Feet
Totally measuring: 1500 Square Feet

MOHAMED MUKHTAR, Advocate
42, Veerapillai Street,
Bengaluru-560 001. Mobile: 9845651907

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE : CORRIGENDUM-A

No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-15(A)/24-25 Dt: 30.12.2024

Kindly refer to E-Public Tender-15/24-25 dt 03.12.24 **"Providing Brick walls in place of Z-type ventilators at 6m and 11m levels and other miscellaneous civil works at Vibration test facility, SMP&ETF area, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-24-056, Est. cost ₹14.18 Lakhs). Sale period extended up to 16.01.2025.** Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

General Public are hereby informed that I, **TARUN A P**, resident of No.28, 1st Cross, Visveshwarya Layout, Near Ragavendra Swamy Temple, Deverachikannahalli, Bangalore - 560076. Confirm that I am resident of the address.

I hereby declare that I have lost My original Educational Certificate Pertaining to Tenth marks card Document No.7712802. The above mentioned document was lost near BGS Vidyapeeta Hostel, Mysore, between 12-10-2023 to 20-11-2024, Further complaint has been lodge online vide NO.1343230/2024 to this effect. Person finding the said original documents may kindly return the same to the under signed

TARUN A P,
Mobile No.: 8050554224.

Bangalore - Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is issued on behalf of our client Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise Limited having registered office at No. 1, Midford House, Midford Gardens, off M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001, which has entered into a Framework Agreement dated 03.04.1997 ("FWA") with the Government of Karnataka for implementation of Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project ('the BMIC Project') on 'Build, Own, Operate and Transfer' basis. The FWA and the acquisition of land for the BMIC Project have been found to be legal, valid, proper and the Project has been held to be in the larger public interest by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and the Hon'ble Supreme Court India. In the case of M. Nagabhushana vs. State of Karnataka and Others, reported in (2011) 3 SCC 408, the Hon'ble Supreme Court while rejecting a challenge to land acquisition for the BMIC Project, has held as follows:

> *"37. For the reasons indicated hereinabove, this Court holds that the filing of this appeal before this Court is an instance of an abuse of the process of court. The main purpose was to hold up, on one or the other pretext, the land acquisition proceeding which, as held by this Court in AIMO case, was initiated to "achieve a larger public purpose".*
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> *38. In that view of the matter, his Court makes it clear that the State Government should complete the project as early as possible and should not do anything, including releasing any land acquired under this project, as that may impede the completion of the project and would not be compatible with the larger public interest which the project is intended to serve."*

The Lands more fully described in the Schedule hereunder (the 'Schedule Lands') are part of the Govt. Lands handed over to our client for implementation of BMIC Project under Govt. Order dated 07.10.1999 and lease deed dated 04.07.2002 and also comprise of lands notified vide Preliminary Notification dated 29.01.2003 under Section 28(1) of KIAD Act, 1966.

It has now come to our client's notice that attempts are being made by certain persons with vested interests to create fake grant documents/certificates in respect of the Schedule Lands and on the basis thereof sub-division of survey numbers/phodis, etc. are being illegally done, to make it appear as if it is private land. Attempts are also being made for illegal transactions by creating fake documents in respect of various portions of the Schedule Lands. The Schedule Lands comprising of Govt. Lands are in the absolute possession of our client, with the balance being notified lands as above under the KIAD Act.

It is therefore brought to the notice of the general public and the jurisdictional Sub Registrars, Tahsildar, Assistant Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Government authorities and Government instrumentalities that, such attempts by any person for securing false and fabricated grants in respect of the Schedule Lands, creation of fresh sub-divisions or mutating Schedule Lands or part thereof, development/sale /lease/ any other transaction in respect thereof in any manner, is illegal, null and void and not binding on the State and our clients, apart from being in contempt of the aforementioned Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Judgments and Orders of the Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court relating to the BMIC Project. Our client reserves its right to take recourse to appropriate legal remedies to protect its rights and interests.

SCHEDULE

District: RAMANAGARA, Taluk : RAMANAGARA, Hobli : BIDADI, Village : KODIYALA KARENAHALLI

Survey Number	Extent Acre - Gunta	BOUNDARIES			
		EAST Survey Nos.	WEST Survey Nos.	NORTH Survey Nos.	SOUTH Survey Nos.
219	**298 - 34** (Govt. Land under Lease Deed) **159 - 30** (Private Land Notified)	Chudahalli Village Boundary, Naganayakanahalli Village Boundary, 219 Part, 205, 471, 472, 463, 468, 467, 469, 473, 474, 475. 476. 477, 478, 480, 550, 555, 554, 553, 552, 551, 228, 231, 232, 235, 236, 251, 252, 253, 462, 261, 458, 459, 460, 217, 457, 455, 453, 452, 451, 443, 444, 204, 118, 250, Halla	Chinnakurchi Village Boundary, Shigehalli Village Boundary, Doddakuntenahalli Village Boundary, Chikkatuntenahalli Villlage Boundary, 219 Part, 469, 470, 471, 473, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 245, 242, 241, 222, 220, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 461, 218, 457, 453, 69, 77, 480	Chinnakurchi Village Boundary, Shigehalli Village Boundary, Uttari Villlage Boundary, 219, Part, 463, 469, 480, 220, 221, 222, 242, 551, 232, 251, 461, 462, 217, 453, 451, 203, 204, 200, 118, 474, 478, 218, 444, 412 , 457	Chudahalli Village Boundary, Naganayakanahalli Village Boundary, 219 Part, 481, 483, 241, 205, 220, 221, 550, 224, 225, 226, 227, 229, 551, 555, 230, 231, 252, 261, 461, 462, 460, 218, 457, 453, 448, 449, 450, 452, 455, 68, 69, 70, 76, 77, 79, 80, 474, 473, 472, 476, 479, 471, 469, 480

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.12.2024

Sd/-
King & Partridge
48, Lavelle Road,
Bangalore - 560 001

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TG.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
eTender Notice EP.No.76/CGM (E)/ TC/T1/MoM-TD-I/ 2024-25, Date: 30.12.2024.	MOM of 27 MGD capacity AF beds and maintenance of raw water conduit channel from Osmansagar to Asifnagar filter beds for the period of Two years under AF beds section, SD-II, TD-I, H'sagar.	Rs. 139.50 Lakhs	31/12/2024 @ 11.30 AM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on **www.eprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

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Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Branch Addres:- Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45-1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No. & Name and Address of the Borrower/s	Loan Amount(s)	Date of Demand Notice & Total Amount Outstanding
1.	**Loan Account No's: X0HEBAN00002033899, X0HEBAN00002309744 & X0HEGAL00002902641 : 1. Sridhar R (Applicant),** Site No.9, Katha No.43/5, Varanasi, Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarah, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036. **2. Shobha Doraiswamy (Co_Applicant),** No.1, Katha 43, Vara Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036. Also at:- Site No.9, Katha No.43/5, Varanasi, Jinkethimanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036. **3. M/s. Sridhar Rice Traders (Co_Applicant),** No.1, 1st Cross, Jinkethimmanahalli, Anandpura Main Road, Anandpura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036. Also at:- (I) No.9, 2nd Cross, Varanasi, Jinkethimmanahalli, R M Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560016. (II) No.1, Katha 43, Vara Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036.	Rs.50,00,000/- Rs.5000000/- Rs.28,00,000/-	16-12-2024 & Rs.1,02,64,426/- as on 16-12-2024 together with interest thereafter

Schedule of Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing BBMP Site No.9 Khatha No.43/5, situated at Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Now Comes Under BBMP Limits, as and **bounded on: East by:** 27Feet Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.1, Measuring East To West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet in all measuring 2400 Square Feet along with building constructed thereon. within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.

Date: 31-12-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Management Branch, Bengaluru

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APPENDIX –II A / IVA
[See proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1)]
E AUCTION SALE ON 30.01.2025
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors /Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 93,17,43,512.00 (Rupees Ninety Three Crores Seventeen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Only) as on 12.12.2024** and further interest at contractual rate from **13.12.2024** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers, **M/s Indomarks Pvt Ltd** No. 122, Railway Colony Road, Pampanagar, Bengaluru-560022 and the Directors/Guarantors/Mortgagers, **1) Sri. R.M.Shekar** S/o Late K.R.M.Ramanujam C/o M/s Indomarks Pvt Ltd No.122, Railway Colony Road, Pampanagar, Bengaluru-560022 (last known address) and **2) Smt. Mani M.Shekar** W/o R.M.Shekar, C/o M/s Indomarks Pvt Ltd No.122, Railway Colony Road, Pampanagar, Bengaluru-560022 (last known address.) The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment amount, time & date of e-Auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the immovable assets will be as under:

Sl No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time and date of e-Auction	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	**Rs 7,22,00,000/-**	**Rs.72,20,000/-**	**Rs.50,000/-**	**From 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. On 30.01.2025 with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**	**29.01.2025 up to 4.00 P.M.**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBIN30413360291
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO-1:
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Corporation No. 57/A, (Old), New No. 57/3 (Formerly Survey No. 9 situated at Dattatreya Temple Street, Pipeline Main Road. Ward No. 6, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, belonging to Sri R M Shekar S/o Late K R M Ramanujam, measuring 7,220 sq. ft. (bounded East by the property of Shri Ramarao, West by Property of Chandrika Bai , North by Road and South by the properties of Shri Papaiah).

Reserve Price: Rs. 7,22,00,000/-

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE (2nd AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditors represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e.,
(1) https://baanknet.com
(2) www.bank.sbi

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Secularization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch, 2nd Floor, Office Complex Building, SBI LHO Campus, No. 65, St. Mark's Road, Bengaluru -560 001, Telephone: 080-25943474.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, **https://baanknet.com**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 21.12.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client has entered into Sale Agreement, Dated: 12/02/2024 and also taken GPA, Dated: 12/02/2024 and now is intending to purchase, the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Vendors Namely Smt Naseema S.A., Sri. Subhan S.A., Sri. Sulaiman, Smt Shataj Kulsum, Smt Tasneem Taj, Sri. Shaik Rashad, Smt Parveen Taj and Smt Yasmeen Taj who are the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the **Schedule Property.** If anybody is having any Agreement, MOU, objection, claim, interest, rights, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner (Vendor) as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/dispute will be entertained.

"A" SCHEDULE PROPERT

All that property in the name Late Shukoor Saheb the Agricultural land bearing in Sy.no 46, situated at Bengaluru South Taluk, Uttarahalli-2,Hobli, Village Kagalipura, consisting of 03-00 Acres. Vide MR no T5/2015-2016. Dated 22/09/2015, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bengaluru South Rural Bounded by:

East by : Kagalipur Village Gomala Land, West by : Uttari Village Gomala Land, North By : Kagalipur Village Gomala Land, South By : Lands Belonging to Naseema

"B" SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that property in the name Late Smt Naseema S.A, **the Agricultural land bearing in Sy.no 46, situated at Bengaluru South Taluk, Uttarahalli-2,Hobli, Village Kagalipura,** consisting of 03-00 Acres. Vide MR no T5/2015-2016. Dated 22/09/2015, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bengaluru South Rural Bounded by:

East by : Kagalipur Village Gomala Land, West by : Uttari Village Gomala Land, North By : Land Belongs to Shukoor Bhai, South By : Kagalipur Village Gomala Land

M/S LEXICON LAW ASSOCIATE
Advocate and Tax Consultant,
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Tender Notification No. 20/24-25, Dt: 31.12.2024 (Through KPP Portal only)

Tender is invited by "The Senior Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following tenders as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, including civil works, testing and commissioning of dust extraction system on turnkey bases in Secondary and Tertiary crusher plant. **HGML/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT39/CALL-3.**	1,50,000/-
2	Compressive operation, maintenance and security contract (CAOMSC) for 3 Nos. of 1.5 MW and 1 No. of 2.1 MW WTGs of Suzlon make for a period of three years. **HGML/2024-25/SE0042**	6,63,000/-
3	Compressive operation, maintenance and security contract for its 4.8 MW (0.6 MW X 8 Nos.) WTG of Vestas RRB make. **HGML/2024-25/SE0043**	4,30,000/-
4	Supply of Electric LHD 2. 0CU.M Bucket Capacity. **HGML/2024-25/IND0260.**	3,50,000/-
5	Manufacturing, testing, supply and commissioning of LPDT at Hutti Gold Mine. **HGML/2023-24/IND0124/CALL-4.**	13,81,000/-
6	Tender For providing 30 Ex-Servicemen / Paramilitary (12 Security Gunmen and 18 Security Guards) Security Guards. **HGML/2024-25/SE0036.**	2,49,000/-
7	Supply of Manpower for Hutti Gold Mines. **HGML/2024-25/SE0041**	1,73,000/-

Calendar of events: 1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom): **09.01.2025** for **Sl.no.1 at 10.30 am, Sl.no.2 at 11.00 am, Sl.no.3 at 11.30 am, Sl.no.4 at 12.00 pm, Sl.no.5 at 12.30 pm, Sl.no.6 at 3.00 pm, and Sl.no.7 at 3.30 pm. 2)** Last date for receipt of tender: **29.01.2025 at 4.00 P.M 3)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **01.02.2025 at 10.00 A.M**

For further details interested bidders are advised to logon to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP portal.

Sd/- Senior Manager (Materials)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Orbit Clothing Represented By Basavakumar Aidnal & Veeresh Aidnal/ No 429/430 Jaya Nagar 3rd Block 19th B Main 5th Cross Bangalore-560011/ 317905000381.	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Property Bearing Site No.60, Khatha No.60, Old Site No.60/1, Previously House List No.35, Earlier Doddakallasandra Village Panchayath Khatha No.60, Now Bbmp Khatha No.1298/60/60/1, Measuring East to West: 50ft, North to South: 40ft, Totally Measuring 2,000 Sq.Ft, Situated At Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes Under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.197-Vasanthapura, Bangalore And Bounded on Below (Admeasuring An Area of 2,000 Sq.Ft, Bounded By : On The North By: Government School on The South By: Late. Patel Muniswamy's House on The East By: Road on The West By: Property Belongs to Sri. H.R.Janardhan,	December 12, 2024 Rs. 1,66,49,627.11/-	28/10/ 2024
2.	A K S Steel Traders Represented By Proprietor Azharuddin Khan, Mansoor Ali Khan & Ayub Khan/ No 11/5, Smithy Block Slaughter House Road , Near Naaz Complex Bangalore-560002/ 625105042121.	(As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Plot 'A' Consisting of A Portion of Premises No.25, Present Bbmp Katha No. 11/5, (Pid No.47-69-11) Situated At Smithi Block, 2nd Cross, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 50 Feet And North To South 31 Feet, Total : 1550 Sq Ft (Admeasuring An Area of 1550 Sq Ft Bounded By : On The North By: New Bamboo Bazaar Road on The South By: Property of Nissar Ahmed Pasha On The East By: New Road on The West By: Slaughter House.	December 11, 2024 Rs. 73,01,934.32/-	28/10/ 2024
3.	Dr Securitas Represented By Proprietor Raju Sivamoorthy & Lalitha M/ K Vinayak Nagar 68 5th Cross Hennagara Post Bom Bommsandra Industrial Area Bangalore- 560099/ 317505500002/ 317555000001	All That Part and Parcel of The Land And Building Bearing New No.6, Situated At 6th Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bbmp Ward No.89, Pid No. 89-73-6, Bangalore, (Formerly Known As Site No.6 Formed Out of Sy.No.69 of The Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore); Bounded on The East By: Property Bearing Site No. 7; West By: Road; North By: Hennur Road Cross; and South By: Property Bearing Site No. 13; Measuring East To West: 30 Ft And North To South: 40 Feet, In All Measuring 1,200 Sq.Ft; Schedule 'B' (Gifted To Donee No.2 R. Chandrasekhar) All That Part and Parcel of The One-Half Undivided Share In Land and Ground Floor Portion of The Building Bearing New No.6, Situated At 6th Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bbmp Ward No.89, Pid No. 89- 73-6, Bangalore, (Formerly Known As Site No.6 Formed Out of Sy. No.69 of The Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore); Bounded on The East By: Property Bearing Site No. 7; West By: Road; North By: Hennur Road Cross; And South By: Property Bearing Site No. 13; Measuring 600 Sq.Ft In The Land and 900 Sq.Ft of The Plinth Area In Ground Floor; Schedule 'C' Property (Gifted to Donee No.1 R. Sivamoorthy) All That Part and Parcel of The Undivided One-Half Share In The Land and First Floor Portion of The Building Bearing New No.6, Situated At 6th Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bbmp Ward No.89, Pid No. 89- 73-6, Bangalore, (Formerly Known As Site No.6 Formed Out of Sy. No.69 of The Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore); Bounded on The East By: Property Bearing Site No. 7; West By: Road; North By: Hennur Road Cross; and South By: Property Bearing Site No. 13; Measuring 600 Sq.Ft In The Land Area And 900 Sq.Ft of Plinth Area In First Floor;	December 11, 2024 Rs. 73,85,773.98/-	23/10/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: December 31, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Five people
Charged in Argentina over death of singer Liam Payne

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain ● **HR:** Heavy Rain ● **LS:** Light Snow ● **TDS:** Thundershower ● **LC:** Light Cloud ● **SNY:** Sunny

Beijing	5	-5	SNY	Los Angeles	19	9	SNY
Colombo	31	25	LR	Melbourne	21	14	SNY
Dhaka	26	16	LC	Moscow	1	-4	LS
Dubai	25	21	SNY	New York	10	9	SNY
Houston	21	9	SNY	Singapore	31	26	LR
Istanbul	11	3	LC	Toronto	4	2	LR
London	12	11	LC	Washington	8	4	LC

Appeals court upholds $5mn award in sex abuse verdict against Trump

A three-judge panel rejected prez-elect's claim that trial court had made multiple errors

NEW YORK

A federal appeals court on Monday upheld a jury's finding in a civil case that Donald Trump sexually abused a columnist in an upscale department store dressing room in the mid-1990s.

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals issued a written opinion upholding the $5 million award that the Manhattan jury granted to E Jean Carroll for defamation and sexual abuse.

The longtime magazine columnist had testified at a 2023 trial that Trump turned a friendly encounter in spring 1996 into a violent attack after they playfully entered the store's dressing room.

Trump skipped the trial after repeatedly denying the attack ever happened. But he briefly testified at a follow-up defamation trial earlier this year that resulted in an $83.3 million award.

The second trial resulted from comments then-President Trump made in 2019 after Carroll first made the accusations publicly in a memoir.

E Jean Carroll

In its ruling, a three-judge panel of the appeals court rejected claims by Trump's lawyers that trial Judge Lewis A Kaplan had made multiple decisions that spoiled the trial, including his decision to allow two other women who had accused Trump of sexually abusing them to testify.

The judge also had allowed the jury to view the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape in which Trump boasted in 2005 about grabbing women's genitals because when someone is a star, "you can do anything."

"We conclude that Mr Trump has not demonstrated that the district court erred in any of the challenged rulings," the 2nd Circuit said.

"Further, he has not carried his burden to show that any claimed error or combination of claimed errors affected his substantial rights as required to warrant a new trial."

In September, both Carroll, 81, and Trump, 78, attended oral arguments by the 2nd Circuit. Steven Cheung, a Trump spokesperson, said in a statement that Trump was elected by voters who delivered "an overwhelming mandate, and they demand an immediate end to the political weaponisation of our justice system and a swift dismissal of all of the Witch Hunts, including the Democrat-funded Carroll Hoax, which will continue to be appealed."

Roberta Kaplan, a lawyer who represented Carroll during the trial and is not related to the judge, said in a statement: "Both E Jean Carroll and I are gratified by today's decision. We thank the Second Circuit for its careful consideration of the parties' arguments."

The first jury found in May 2023 that Trump sexually abused Carroll and defamed her with comments he made in October 2022. That jury awarded Carroll $5 million.

In January, a second jury awarded Carroll an additional $83.3 million in damages for comments Trump had made about her while he was president, finding that they were defamatory.

That jury had been instructed by the judge to accept the first jury's finding that Trump had sexually abused Carroll.

Trump testified for under three minutes at the second trial and was not permitted to challenge conclusions reached by the May 2023 jury. *AP*

SUBMARINER WHO TURNED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

PLAINS

JIMMY CARTER 01-10-1924 - 29-12-2024

NEWLY married and sworn as a Naval officer, Jimmy Carter left his tiny hometown in 1946 hoping to climb the ranks and see the world.

The untimely death of his father, a farmer, brought the submariner and his wife, Rosalynn, back to a rural life they thought they'd escaped.

The lieutenant would never be an admiral. Instead, he became commander-in-chief. And, years after his presidency ended in humbling defeat, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

The life of James Earl Carter Jr ended on Sunday at 100 where it began. Plains fuelled the rise of the 39th US president, welcomed him after his fall and sustained him during 40 years of service as a global humanitarian.

With an optimism rooted in Baptist faith and an engineer's stubborn confidence, Carter showed a missionary zeal to solve problems and improve lives.

"We shouldn't judge presidents by how popular they are in their day," Carter biographer Jonathan Alter said. "We should judge them by how they changed the country and the world for the better. On that score, Jimmy Carter is not in the first rank of American presidents, but he stands up quite well."

Many Americans judged his presidency ineffective for failing to end an energy crisis, turn around the economy or quickly bring American hostages home from Tehran.

He won widespread admiration instead for The Carter Centre which has advocated for public health, human rights and democracy since 1982 and the many years he and Rosalynn swung hammers with Habitat for Humanity.

Carter's allies relished that he and Rosalynn, who died Nov 19, 2023, lived to see historians reassess his presidency.

Carter labelled himself 'progressive' or 'conservative". Republicans cast him as a left-wing cartoon.

Carter's vow to restore America's virtue after the shame of Vietnam and Watergate with a transparent, good-government approach didn't suit Republicans who cast government as the problem. His efficiency mandate could put him at odds with Democrats.

Still, he scored wins on the environment, education and mental healthcare; expanded federally protected lands; began deregulating air travel, railroads and trucking; emphasised human rights in foreign policy; and unlike later presidents, added a relative pittance to the national debt.

Carter had charmed voters in 1976, grinning enthusiastically and promising he would 'never lie' to them. Once in Washington, he could seem like a joyless engineer, insisting that political rewards would follow facts and logic.

Such tenacity worked well at Camp David as Carter brokered peace between Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat, but it failed him as the nation's cheerleader, beseeching Americans to get past a 'crisis of confidence'.

Republican Ronald Reagan exploited Carter's lecturing tone, saying 'there you go again' in response to a wonky debate answer.

Carter later acknowledged an incompatibility with Washington insiders who looked down on his team as 'country come to town'.

His closest adviser was Rosalynn Carter. When she urged him to postpone relinquishing the Panama Canal, Carter said he was 'going to do what's right' even if meant he wouldn't get re-elected, recalled her aide, Kathy Cade. "She'd remind him you have to win to govern," Cade said. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Accountability promised in Azerbaijan air crash

Baku: Azerbaijan said on Monday that Moscow had promised to punish those responsible for the downing of an Azerbaijan Airlines plane that Baku says was shot at by Russian air defences.Azerbaijan's prosecutor general reported on Monday that the head of Russia's Investigative Committee had told Baku: "Intensive measures are being carried out to identify the guilty people and bring them to criminal responsibility." Russia has opened a criminal enquiry into the incident. Kazakhstan said it had sent the plane's black boxes to Brazil, where they will be analysed

Pakistan to build largest nuclear power plant

Islamabad: Pakistan is set to construct its largest nuclear plant for electricity generation after the country's atomic energy regulatory agency issued the licence for it. The Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) issued the licence to build Chashma Nuclear Power Plant Unit 5 with a capacity of 1200 MW, according to a PNRA press release issued on Thursday. The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission applied for the licence in April of this year, along with the Preliminary Safety Assessment Report and other documents about the design and operational aspects of safety.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001
O.A. No. 555/2022
BETWEEN: UNION BANK OF INDIA (BTM Layout Branch) ....Applicant
AND
Mrs. Bhagyamma and Others ....Defendant
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To.
1. **Mrs. Bhagyamma** D/o Late T. Chamadalaiah Aged about 57 years Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District-562112
2. **Mrs. Sumithra** D/o Late T. Chamadalaiah Aged about 49 years Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli. Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District-562112
3. **Mrs. Saraswathamma** D/o Late T. Chamadalaiah Aged about 53 years Gottigehalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District-562112 1 ......**Defendants**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.22,24,115.50/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Fifty Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.
The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **29.04.2025 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed/for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **10.12.2024**
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
At Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BENGALURU
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengalore-560001.
O.A. No. 722/2022
BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA ... Applicant
And
M/s SALMAN ENTERPRISE & ANOTHER ...Defendants
Summons/notice to Defendants Under Rule 23 (viii) of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993, By Way of Paper Publication
To,
1. **M/s Salman Enterprise** No.41/32, Ground Floor, Netaji Layout, Kempapura Hebbal, Bangalore-560024. **Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Salman.**
2. **Mr. Salman** S/o Mohammed Abdul Saleem Aged about 30 years No.41/32, Ground Floor, Netaji Layout, Kempapura Hebbal, Bangalore-560024. ...**Defendants**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Total for sum of **Rs.22,37,465/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.
The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **29.01.2025 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **16.12.2024.**
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
At Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE
An original sale deed document pertaining to the property located at Bangalore North taluk, Yeshwanthapura hobli, Laggere village bearing Sarve No.181 The Rajajinagar Industrial Employiees Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, Site No. 31, And Alloctement Documents, Resisted No. 4560/1989-90 Bangalore North Taluk Sub-Registrar Office Book No.1, 3788th, 100 to 102nd Pages Registred Documents measuring East to West-30, North to South- 45 Feet Original Sale Deed have been lost. I hade complete Lost Report No. 1394690/2024 Dated 21.12.2024. If anybody found the same, kindly inform nearby Police Station or the owner K. N. Chandrashekhar Mobile: 8050303938

NOTIFICATION
As per the Sakra World Hospital retention policy of Medical Records approved by the statutory body, In-Patient medical records (files) from August 2020 to December 2021 will be discarded.
If any patient, authorized representative or legal heir wishes to obtain a copy of the medical record, they can do so with a written request to the Medical Records Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.
Note: Not applicable to Medico- legal case files, deceased patient medical records and Newborn medical records.
For further information or clarification kindly contact Phone: **7349260113** or email us at mrd.sakra@sakraworldhospital.com.
Dated: 30th December 2024
Chief of Medical Services
Sakra World Hospital

De facto Syrian leader says polls after four years, plans to dissolve HTS

BEIRUT

SYRIA's de facto leader said on Sunday it could take up to four years to hold elections in Syria, and that he plans to dissolve his Islamist group that led the country's insurgency at an anticipated national dialogue summit for the country.

Ahmad al-Sharaa, who leads Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the group leading the new authority in Syria, made the remarks in an interview with Saudi television network *Al-Arabiyya*.

It comes almost a month after a lightning insurgency led by HTS overthrew President Bashar Assad's decades-long rule, ending the country's uprising-turned civil war that started back in 2011. Al-Sharaa said it would take time to hold elections because of the need for Syria's different forces to hold political dialogue and rewrite the country's constitution following five decades of the Assad dynasty's dictatorial rule. Also, the war-torn country's battered infrastructure needs to be reconstructed, he said.

"The chance we have today doesn't come every 5 or 10 years," said al-Sharaa, formerly known as Abu Mohammed al-Golani. "We want the constitution to last for the longest time possible."

Al-Sharaa is Syria's de facto leader until March 1, when Syria's different factions are set to hold a political dialogue to determine the country's political future and establish a transitional government that brings the divided country together. *AP*

Seoul to inspect all 737-800 aircraft as it searches for clues

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean officials said on Monday they will conduct safety inspections of all Boeing 737-800 aircraft operated by the country's airlines, as they struggle to determine what caused a plane crash that killed 179 people a day earlier.

New acting President Choi Sang-mok on Monday presided over a task force meeting on the crash and instructed authorities to conduct an emergency review of the country's aircraft operation systems."The essence of a responsible response would be renovating the aviation safety systems on the whole to prevent recurrences of similar incidents and building a safer Republic of South Korea," said Choi, who is also deputy prime minister and finance minister.

South Korea's Transport Ministry said it plans to conduct safety inspections of all of the 101 Boeing 737-800 jetliners operated by the country's airlines as well as a broader review into safety standards at Jeju Air, which operates 39 of those planes. Senior ministry official Joo Jong-wan said representatives from the US National Transportation Safety Board and Boeing were expected to arrive in South Korea on Monday to participate in the investigation.Ministry officials also said they will look into whether the Muan airport's localiser — a concrete fence housing a set of antennas designed to guide aircraft safely during landings — should have been made with lighter materials that would break more easily upon impact. *AP*

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813 | Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-20640)
Tender Enquiry No. 1740/CS&HMMC/O&M/PC-2604 Dated: 26.12.2024
Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-1), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Steel Section.** Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **26.12.2024 at 17:00 hrs.** onwards.
Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at
https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone.: 0135 - 2763808 Fax- 0135 - 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com
Ref. No.: 1143 Dated : 30.12.2024
Addendum Notice
In reference to e-bid Notice No. 17, 18 and 19/EE(Civil)/MB-I/TN/2024-25, the addendum notice in respect of response to clarification sought by bidders has been uploaded on e-portal **http://uktender.gov.in.**
Terms, conditions & specified dates of bid submission & opening shall remain same.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit " e-procurement portal "**http://uktenders.gov.in**"
Executive Engineer (Civil) MB-I Maneri
"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Irrigation Wing)
NOTICE E-TENDER; CORRIGENDUM; MINUTES OF PRE-BID MEETING
NIT No. : 03/EWS/BBMB/2024-25 **Tender ID:** 2024_BBMB_219399_1
Name of Concerned Office: Executive Engineer, R.M. Division, BBMB, Talwara Township, Punjab-144216 E-mail: xenrmtlw@bbmb.nic.in
Name of Work: Purchasing, Testing, Designing, Erection and Commissioning of Emergency Flood Warning System at Beas Dam Site.

Late date of Receipt of Tender	07-01-2025 at 11:00 am
Date of Opening of Tender	08-01-2025 at 11:00 am
Estimated Cost	Rs.2,73,00,000/-

The detailed of tender may be downloaded from BBMB website **http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app** and **www.bbmb.gov.in.**
536–PR–Beas Dam–6 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that my Clients the Bank of Baroda, HAL III Stage Branch, No.42, HAL Third Stage, 80 feet Road, Near BSNL Office, Indiranagar, Bangalore, had accepted as security the below mentioned immovable property title deeds from the present owner Smt. G.Vijayamma, for sanction of a housing loan.
It is reported that the Original Registered Title Deeds viz. 1) Sale Deed dated 23.08.1996, vide Document No.2555/1996-97, Book-I, Addl. Volume 1883, at Pages 166-169, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, and 2) Sale Deed dated 22.02.1992, vide Document No.4855/1991-92, Book-I, Volume 1343, at Pages 51-52, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, and; 3) Registered Will dated 27.06.2002, registered as Document No.106/2002-03, Book-III, stored in CD No.06, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, has been lost in the hands of the Bank of Baroda, HAL III Stage Branch, Bangalore, at the time of migrating the files from one branch to another.
Persons having claims or having any right, title or interest in the schedule mentioned property, may lodge their objections and / or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 14 days from the date of this publication. If no objections and / or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed with the Sale/Mortgage of below mentioned property, as if there are no claimants / objections.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.09 (Old Municipal No.1290, situated at 3rd Stage, Rajajinagar Extension, Bangalore, formerly portions of the two properties bearing Municipal No.1290/9 and 1289/10), totally measuring 587.55 sq.ft. and bounded as follows: East by : Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by : Road, South by: Private Property
Kavitha S. & Associates,
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
1006/1, 2nd Floor, Balaji Building,
1st Cross M E S Colony,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The (i) Original Sale Deed dated.24.06.1941, registered as document No.67/1941-42, (ii) Original Release Deed dated.16.04.1963, registered as document No.324/1963-64, (iii) Original Sale Deed dated.22.04.1992, registered as document No.138/1992-93, (iv) Original Sale Deed dated.22.04.1992, registered as document No.139/1992-93, (v) Original Sale Deed dated.22.04.1992, registered as document No.140/1992-93, (vi) Original Release Deed dated. 29.05.2013, registered as document No.HSK-4-00079-2013-14 (vii) Original Rectification of Release Deed dated. 03.08.2015, registered as document No. HSK-1-03624-2015-16, all document are registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hosakote property belonging into **Mr. B M RAMESH** son of Late. Sri. Muniyappa & **Mr. VENKATARAMU** Son of Late. Sri. Muniyappa both are Residing at 67, 7th Cross, Avalahalli Main Road, Byrathi, Kothanur Post, Bangalore - 560 077, in respect of **New Survey Nos. 29/22, 29/23 & 29/24**, Old Survey No.29/4, situated at **SOLUR VILLAGE**, Jadigehalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, totally measuring **5 Acre 27 ½ Guntas** and Seven Guntas Karab land, and bounded on the;
East by : Land in Survey No.29/5;
West by : land in Survey No.29/9 & 29/10;
North by : Road;
South by : Land in Survey No.29/4;
The above **said original deeds/documents** have been lost. If any body find the same please kindly return the document to the below address:
S. MURTHY,
SURIYA LAW ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, No.303, Motati Meadows,
Nagavarapalya, Old Madras Road,
Bangalore–560093.
Mob- 9845087191

WHO asks Israel to release Gaza hospital director Hossam Abu Safiyeh

GENEVA

THE WHO chief called on Monday for the immediate release of Hossam Abu Safiyeh, director of Gaza's Kamal Adwan Hospital, who is being held by Israel's military following a major raid on the facility. The Friday-Saturday assault on Kamal Adwan in Beit Lahia left northern Gaza's last major health facility out of service and emptied of patients, the WHO said. "Hospitals in Gaza have once again become battlegrounds and the health system is under severe threat," WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on X. "Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza is out of service following the raid, forced patient and staff evacuation and the detention of its director. His whereabouts are unknown. We call for his immediate release." Israel's military said Sunday that its forces had killed approximately 20 Palestinian militants and apprehended "240 terrorists" in the raid, calling it one of its "largest operations" conducted in the territory. The military also said had detained Abu Safiyeh, suspecting him of being a Hamas militant. When asked if he had been transferred to Israeli territory for further questioning, the military did not offer an immediate comment. Tedros said the patients in critical condition at Kamal Adwan had been moved to the Indonesian Hospital, "which is itself out of function".

"Amid ongoing chaos in northern Gaza, WHO and partners today delivered basic medical and hygiene supplies, food and water to Indonesian Hospital and transferred 10 critical patients to Al-Shifa Hospital," he said.

"We urge Israel to ensure their healthcare needs and rights are upheld."

He said seven patients along with 15 caregivers and health workers remained at the "severely damaged" Indonesian Hospital, "which has no ability to provide care". "Al-Ahli Hospital and Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital in Gaza City also faced attacks today and both are damaged," Tedros added. "We repeat: stop attacks on hospitals. People in Gaza need access to health care. Humanitarians need access to provide health aid." *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

3 FOREIGNERS KILLED IN HOTEL FIRE

Three foreigners died and seven other people were injured after a fire at a hotel in a popular tourist area of Thailand's capital, city authorities said on Monday. One woman died in a room and two men at hospital after the blaze on Sunday night at the Ember Hotel near Khao San Road, an area popular with backpackers and budget travellers. Five other foreigners and two Thai nationals were injured, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration said. Bangkok governor Chadchart Sittipunt said firefighters rescued some 75 people with three cranes. *AFP*

DIABETES DRUG OZEMPIC IN SHORT SUPPLY

The global craze over Ozempic as a weight-loss solution has hit Malaysia, with pharmacies experiencing a surge in demand for the diabetes medication, resulting in a shortage, *The Straits Times* reported. Malaysian Pharmacists Society president Amrahi Buang confirmed the shortage, attributing it to increased demand from non-diabetic individuals taking it for its weight loss effects. Amrahi noted that Ozempic, while requiring a prescription, is somehow being accessed by non-diabetics. "There are many who are interested only in the drug's weight loss potency," he said.

GRAFT NEEDS LONGER JAIL, SAYS PRABOWO

President Prabowo Subianto urged Indonesian judges to stop being too soft on graft convicts, alluding that the business tycoon Harvey Moeis deserves a longer jail time, *Jakarta Globe* reported. According to Prabowo, these wrongdoers even deserve to stay in prison for decades, especially if their crimes have caused losses to the state.

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BUSINESS

Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
450.94 ▼ Sensex	78,248.13	₹160 ▲ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹78,150	⇔ 1 kg	₹92,400	▲ Dollar	85.44
168.50 ▼ Nifty	23,644.90	₹150 ▲ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹71,650	⇔ 10 gm	₹924	▲ Euro	89.28

Finish Line

YEAR 2024: INSIGHTS & TRENDS

$1 TRILLION foreign direct investment (FDI) attracted by India since April 2000. Over the last decade (April 2014 to September 2024), total FDI inflows amounted to $709.84 billion, accounting for 68.69% of the overall FDI inflow in the past 24 years.

6.21 L applications have been received against 1.27 lakh Internship opportunities under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, which was announced in this year's Budget.

₹3.55 L CR creditors have realised through resolution of 1,068 corporate insolvency cases till September 2024, achieving on average 86.13% of the fair value of the Corporate Debtor (CD)

123% jump in Bitcoin prices in 2024. The popular crypoto started the year at $42,000 and by the end of the year has reached $93,000, hitting a high of $107,000 in December.

2.65% Indian rupee fell in 2024 against the US dollar, from 83.1975 a dollar on January 1 to 85.4655 a dollar on December 30. The rupee hit the lowest of 85.81 intra-day on December 27.

₹6,996 is the average per capita monthly consumption in urban areas in 2023-24 compared to ₹4,122 in rural areas, according to the latest Household Consumption Survey done by NSSO

9.92 CR total individual taxpayers reported by the income tax department in assessment year 2023-24. These taxpayers also include those who may not have filed returns but paid TDS

1.49 CR was the total registered GST taxpayers as of October 31, 2024. Maharashtra tops the list with 17.8 lakh GST registrations

$91.3 BN The net worth of richest Indian Mukesh Ambani, as per Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He is followed by Gautam Adani with $76.6 billion

MARKETS

FPI INVESTMENT IN INDIAN EQUITIES 2024 (IN ₹ CR)

MONTHS	NET INVESTMENTS
Jan-24	-25,744
Feb-24	1,539
Mar-24	35,098
Apr-24	-8,671
May-24	-25,586
Jun-24	26,565
Jul-24	32,365
Aug-24	7,320
Sep-24	57,724
Oct-24	-94,017
Nov-24	-21,612
Dec-24	16,675
TOTAL	1,656

MUTUAL FUND SIP CONTRIBUTION (₹CR)

MONTH	INVESTMENTS
Jan-24	18,838
Feb-24	19,187
Mar-24	19,271
Apr-24	20,371
May-24	20,904
Jun-24	21,262
Jul-24	23,332
Aug-24	23,547
Sep-24	24,509
Oct-24	25,323
Nov-24	25,320

BIGGEST IPOs IN 2024 (₹CR)

COMPANY	ISSUE SIZE
Hyundai Motors	27,870
Vodafone Idea	18,000
Swiggy	11,327
NTPC Green	10,000
Vishal Megamart	8,000
Bajaj Hosuing Fin	6,560
Ola Electric	6,145
Afcons Infra	5,430
Waaree Energies	4,321
Bharti Hexacon	4,275

STARTUPS (INDIA)

YEAR	TOTAL FUNDING
2024	11.2 $ bn
2023	11.9 $ bn
2022	34.6 $ bn

UNICORNS TRENDS

Total Unicorns in India	97
New unicorns in 2024	6
New unicorns in 2023	2
New Unicrons in 2022	24
New global unicorns in 2024	86

All figs for 2024 is till Nov 30
Source: Tracxn

ECONOMY

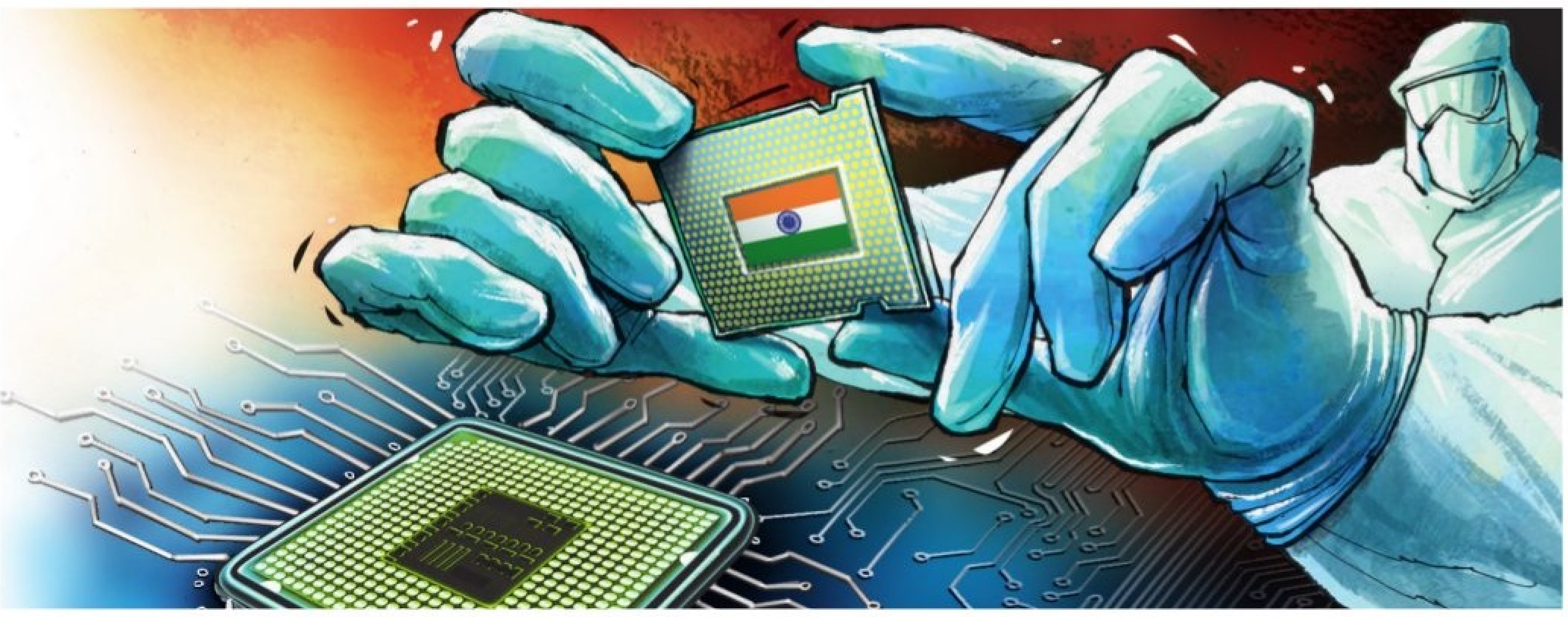
MONTHLY RETAIL INFLATION IN 2024

MONTH	INFLATION (%)
Jan-24	5.1
Feb-24	5.09
Mar-24	4.85
Apr-24	4.83
May-24	4.75
Jun-24	5.08
Jul-24	3.6
Aug-24	3.65
Sep-24	5.49
Oct-24	6.21
Nov-24	5.48

FLASHBACK 2024

DEFINING EVENTS OF THE YR

THE year 2024 was full of surprises, and events that defined the business and economic landscape of India. While some of them turned out to be positive for the country, many others put the country's economic resilience to test. We list out some of the defining events of the year:



Giant leap for semicon industry

The government approved India's first semiconductor fabrication unit (fab) in Dholera, Gujarat. The project is a joint venture between Tata Electronics and Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp of TaiwanIt has approved two assembly, testing, marking, and packaging (ATMP) units — one in Assam and the other in Dholera. An assembly and test (OSAT) facility is being set up by CG Power and Industrial Solutions. This JV with Japan's Renesas Electronics Corporation and Thailand's Stars Microelectronics is another major step forward for the sector. This includes the approval of Micron Technology's packaging unit and Kaynes Semicon's chip unit in Gujarat.

New capital gain tax

The government raised capital gains taxes — short-term capital gain (STCG) and long-term capital gain (LTCG) — on capital assets. The LTCG is now uniformly taxed at 12.5% for all classes of assets. Budget 2024 raised the STCG tax rate on sale of listed equity shares and equity-oriented mutual funds from 15% to 20%. The Budget 2024 rationalised holding periods of STCG and LTCG. Unlisted financial and non-financial assets now require a 24-month holding period to be considered long-term. Listed assets must be held for 12 months to qualify as LTCG. The indexation benefit that investors used to get was removed in Budget. Earlier, some assets enjoyed LTCG tax of 20% with indexation and 10% without indexation. The LTCG tax without indexation was effective July 23, 2024. Facing backlash, the Centre moved an amendment to the Finance Bill, 2024, to let taxpayers select either 12.5% LTCG tax without indexation or 20% rate with indexation for assets purchased before July 23.

The downfall of Byju's

Once valued at $22 billion, Byju's' worth became zero in 2024. The company, grappling with multiple issues, in 2024 faced insolvency proceedings following a dispute over ₹158 crore settlement to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Its failure can be attributed to several reasons including overambitious acquisitions. Byju's acquired 17 firms in 5 years including Aakash Education Services for $950 million. It tried selling a few of its acquired firms but it didn't fructify. Coupled with internal struggles, mismanagement and investor confidence, it tried to revive but went in vain. In 2024, it had been facing many setbacks including from its term lenders.

Ratan Tata walks into history

Ratan Tata, doyen of India Inc and the patriarch of Tata Group, died on Oct 9, leaving millions of common people teary eyed, because without his knowledge, the business empire he groomed since March 1991 as the chairman has not left any area of commonman's life untouched — from salt to teas and coffees, to techs like chips to iPhone making to steel making, airlines, aircraft manufacturing, automobiles and air conditioner, hotels, you name it Tata has touched you one way or other.

91 main board initial public offerings have raised ₹1,59,676 cr in 2024, while SME segment saw 240 firms garnering ₹8,753 cr. The fundraising by main board firms in 2024 is more than 200% higher than ₹49,434 crore raised by 57 companies in 2023

No show by Elon Musk

Elon Musk made headlines in 2024 for his plans to bring Tesla and Starlink to India. However, neither Tesla nor Starlink has started operations in India yet.In April, Musk announced his intention to visit India and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but he later canceled the trip. Later, in a social media post, Musk clarified his visit was postponed due to Tesla obligations. Musk was embroiled in controversy regarding satellite communication in India.

US Indicts Adani

After the Hindenburg Research allegations in early 2023, Adani Group faced another big blow this year. On November 21, the US Department of Justice announced the indictment of Group chairman Gautam Adani and 7 others on charges including bribery, involving $250 million in payments to Indian government officials to secure solar energy contracts.

Sebi chief under scrutiny

Madhabi Puri Buch's reforms include making entering/exiting market easier, and so did ease of doing business. Her other achievements include protecting retail investors by curbing speculation in F&O space, disciplining SME IPOs and the over-greedy i-bankers, easing fund-raising process, a new mutual fund product for more risk-taking investors etc have all made the market much saner. However, the allegations of favouritism towards Adani group and the reports of non-disclosures of her income from investments made before her appointment to Sebi by Hindenburg have sullied these gains.

Foreign fund outflows

Since late September, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have been offloading Indian equities at unprecedented levels. This selling player a major role in pulling down the market benchmarks - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty - by 10% from record highs in no time. In October, FIIs pulled out record ₹94,017 crore, followed by ₹26,000 crore in November. This marked a stark contrast to September, which saw a nine-month high of ₹57,724 crore in inflows.

Das exits Mint Street

Like his surprise appointment on Dec 11, 2018, as the 25th governor of the Reserve Bank, following the sudden resignation of Urjit Patel, his departure on Dec 10 was also equally surprising. Because everything was going good for this bureaucrat for a second extension after the six-year term, which has made him the second-longest serving governor after Benegal Rama Rau's 7.5-year stint in the 1950s.

IPO rush in 2024

From launching the biggest initial public offering (IPO) in the capital market history to seeing record fundraising amounts, the primary market remained in a growth trajectory despite hiccups in the secondary market. As per data available, 91 initial public offer have raised a total of ₹1,59,676 crore in 2024.

CLARIFICATION

Income Tax dept denies report on using DigiYatra data to go after evaders

THE Income Tax Department has denied a TNIE report that said the tax department will be tapping Digi Yatra data to go after evaders. Responding to the report, the department said in a social media post that as on date, there is no such move by the income tax department.

"It is seen that news articles have appeared stating that Digiyatra data will be used to crack down on tax evaders. In this connection, it is clarified that as on date there is no such move by the Income Tax department," said the department on social media platform X. TNIE had reported citing unnamed sources that Income tax department has collected the entire passenger data on Digiyatra app, and the same is being reconciled with income tax filings. The report further stated that the tax department might be issuing notices in 2025 based on analysing the Digiyatra data.

Earlier, responding to the report Digi Yatra has also termed it as 'false' and said that Digi Yatra prioritizes data security and privacy.

"The app follows the Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI) model, where Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and travel credentials are stored exclusively on the user's device, not on any central repository. If the app is uninstalled, the data is deleted entirely. Additionally, airport systems purge data within 24 hours of flight departure," it said in an email response.

It further said: "As part of our commitment to privacy, safety, and security, we do not store any personal data. While this limits our ability to provide customized or personalized services like other brands, it ensures maximum user privacy. Our d-KYC (Don't Know Your Customer) campaign underscores this commitment, clearly communicating that we don't collect or retain user information. There is no mechanism for data sharing with third parties, and no MoU exists between Digi Yatra Foundation and the Income Tax Department."

Public apology in respect of article published on July 2 and Dec 16, 2024

ON July 2, 2024, and December 16, 2024, we inadvertently published two false and incorrect articles (the Articles) headlined,

a) On July 2, 2024: Whistleblower blows lid off Fraud on court by businessman (Article- I); and

b) On December 16, 2024: Wadia illegally sold 8.69% of Tata Sons stake (Article-2}

Since publication of the articles, Mr Nusli Wadia, through his Solicitors, has pointed out to us, and demonstrated through documents, that both Articles are factually incorrect, baseless and false, and were published without duly verifying the facts and / or seeking prior inputs or comment from him. We regret our failure to seek such inputs and comment, and the publication of false assertions in both Articles. Had we approached Mr Wadia before publication, he would have set the record straight by providing the true and correct facts, which, regrettably, we did not do. Had we done so neither Article I nor Article 2 would have been published.

We have, therefore, agreed to publish this unconditional apology along with the following Statement of Factual Corrections with respect to the Articles.

Article 1 and Article 2 refer to an alleged public interest litigation by one Pankaj Phadnis and contained brazenly false, unsubstantiated and incorrect statements.

The correct fact is that the alleged public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Mr Phadnis (dismissed by High Court on - December 12, 2024) does not contain any of the allegations as asserted in both the Articles. Both the Articles were, therefore, clearly erroneous.

Mr Wadia never held or controlled (directly or indirectly through any trust or company or otherwise) 8.69% of Tata Sons' share capital and could not, therefore, have made any sale, misappropriation or transfer thereof to the Shapooiji Pallonji Group. Mr. Wadia does not and at no time had any interest, control or stake in FE Dinshaw Limited (the company belongs to Shapoorji Pallonji Group and not Wadia Group). He, therefore, could not, and did not, misappropriate that stake (8.69% of Tata Sons) or transfer it to the Shapoorj i Pallonji Group.

Phadnis' litigation was initiated by him since he claims he was to be funded by the Public Charitable - Tata Trusts/ Tata Sons to carry on a campaign targeting Mr Wadia and to file proceedings against Mr. Wadia in various courts including in the United States (at a time when disputes ex isted between the Tata Group and Mr Wadia), and since Phadnis claim s that the Public Charitable - Tata Trusts / Tata So ns, having committed to fund Phadnis and the litigations he embarked upon, thereafter refused to meet those commitments.

Late EF Dinshaw did not set up any trust by the name -- Dinshaw Trust -- whether by will or otherwise. Although Late EF Dinshaw's Last Will & Testament did contain a bequest to two American Charities, there was a prior, life bequest in respect of all his property in India to his sister. Bachoobai, who was also absolute residuary legatee under said Will. The bequest to the American Charities did not comply with the then prevailing prov1 s1o ns of the Indian Succession Act, 1925. As a result, the property in that estate was the sole and absolute, private property of Late Bachoobai Woronzow.

It is the contention of Mr Wadia that he did not forge any documents, whatsoever. It is his contention that Ferani Hotels Private Limited and Sandeep Raheja, (Rahejas) have committed a fraud on the E. F. Dinshaw Estate (by setting up several benami companies) and against whom Mr Wadia (as the Administrator of the Estate) has filed civil and criminal proceedings.

Rahejas have filed a complaint falsely alleging a forgery, as a counterblast to Mr Wadia's proceedings. Mr. Wadia states that Rahejas complaint deals with matters that have already been ruled upon, in Mr. Wadia's favour by the Courts in two countries and Mr Wadia has already sent a preliminary response to the complaint (running into over 500 pages) and has also filed his response with the Bombay High Court in Mr Phadnis' PIL. All the disputes between Mr Wadia and Raheja's are sub Judice.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road,
Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tender through KPP Portal for appointment of Consultant of Demand Assessment and Feasibility study for Commerical/Mixed-use development at Site Nos. 1 & 2, KHB Layout, Bandemutt, Kommaghatta Main Road, Kengeri, Bengaluru.

- **Notification No: KHB/2024-25/SE0219 Dated: 30.12.2024**
- **Last date for submission of bid is on 13.01.2025 upto 4.00 PM**

For further information contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Tel: 080-22273511
Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4013/AKAR/2024-25

Karnataka Forest Department
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 03.
Ph: 080-23346472, Email: apccffc@gmail.com

No. KFD/HOFF/A5-2(GEL)/2/2024-FC **Date: 24.12.2024**

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Forest Department is implementing CEPMIZ project and for monitoring of project, Application are invited (on contract basis) 02 Nos. of resource persons (PMEU-Project Monitoring and Evaluation Unit) and 04 Nos. of resource persons for (PMC-Project Monitoring Cell) 01 each for districts Bellary, Chitradurga, Vijayanagar and Tumkur for monitoring reporting and evaluation of activities.

Criteria for the post i.e. qualifications, work experience responsibilites of the persons of the said resource can be viewed on the website of the Forest Department: https://aranya.gov.in. For further details, this office can be reached during office hours (10.00 AM to 5.30 PM) last date for Application is 16.01.2025 (5.30 PM).

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation)

DIPR/CP/AAA/4003/2024-25

Can Fin Homes Ltd

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689, 7625079457/131
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,
1. **Mr. V R Nanjeshi Gowda** (Borrower)
2. **Mrs. K B Latha** (Co-borrower)

Address:- **No.73, Budda Jyothi Layout, Chikkabidarakallu, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560073.**

Nos. 1& 2 of you availed housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset/s belonging to you. An amount of Rs.26,16,500/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Only) is due from you to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 30.12.2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate

Details of the mortgaged Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.19, Old Khatha No.41/3, New Khatha No.41/6, Situated at Vittasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of Dodda Thogur Grama Panchayat Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 42 Feet Totally measuring to an extent of 1260 Sq.Ft. along with 40 Squares of R.C.C Roofed houses constructed thereon consisting of Ground first, Second and Third Floor each floor consisting of 10 Squares R.C.C. Building constructed with bricks, vitrified Tiles Flooring used jungle wood for doors and windows with all right of easements appurtenances either latent patent attached to the schedule property and bounded as follows:East by : Site No.20, West by : Site No.18, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **29.12.2024** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rateof interest thereon from **30.12.2024** within 60days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESIAct to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore,
Date : 30.12.2024

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

ULSOOR BRANCH

P B No 883, 18/10, Cambridge Road,
Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008
E-mail id: cb0791@canarabank.com.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, ULSOOR Branch,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Sri. Raviteja Peetha S/o Krupa Rao Peetha, Unit No 96 Waterfall Heights Jason, Close Vorna Valley Midrand, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500017, **2) Smt. Peetha Ankamma,** H No 3 5 47 3 5 Shiva Nagar Colony, Near More Super Market 0791662000013, Rajendranagar Attapur, Telangana- 500048.

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Sl. No	Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount(Rs)	Liability as on	Rate of Interest
1	0791618000014 Home Improvement Loan	14.06.2021	Rs. 15,00,000.00	Rs. 9,77,828.36	9.30%+ 2% Penal Interest
2	0791631000012 Canara Home Loan Secure	27.11.2020	Rs. 1,77,328.00	Rs. 1,31,963.86	9.25%+ 2% Penal Interest
3	0791662000013 Housing Loan to NRI	05.11.2020	Rs. 1,28,00,000.00	Rs. 1,22,71,990.59	9.30%+ 2% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.1,33,81,782.81 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and paisa Eighty One only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 10.12.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 11.12.2024**

Name of the title holder : Raviteja Peetha & Peetha Ankamma.

Details of Immovable Security Assets : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BBMP khatha No 637/94/18 converted Sy no 94/18 (converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No BDS/ALN (E)VB:SR:455/2003-04, Dated 03.03.2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Banglore East Taluk, measuring about 21¼ guntas or 23,141.25 sq.ft out of 24¼ guntas and bound on: East By: Property of Shesha Reddy, West By: Property of Doreswamy Mudaliar, NorthBy: Property of Somashekar Reddy, South By: Road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 901.80 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule "A" property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment being flat bearing No.101, on the first floor, in the apartment building known as "LENDEE SENTOSA", constructedon the schedule 'A' property having 2020 Square Feet of super built up area along with one covered car parking space in basement floor, along with lobbies, lifts, staircass and other common use.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Date : 30.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

தமிழ்நாடு உடற்கல்வியியல் மற்றும் விளையாட்டுப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

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Accredited with 'B++' Grade by NAAC
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Vandalur - Kelambakkam Road, Melakkottaiyur Post, Chennai – 600 127. Tamil Nadu. India.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender No.3404/TNPESU/R5/Tender dates / 27.12.2024

Tender invited under Two-Bid system for the Supply of Equipment and Accessories for the High-Performance Centre for Sports at the Centre of Excellence in Biomechanics at the University campus and from the qualified firms for the following services.

S.No.	Tender invited for HPCS
1	Establishment of "High Performance Centre for Sports" at TNPESU

The Tender documents and further details can be had from the following website: www.tnpesu.org

Dr.R. RAMAKRISHNAN
REGISTRAR i/c

DIPR/5707/TENDER/2024

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45359630001001	1) Mr. Manu M, 2) Mr. Mahadevappa	18-10-2024 **Rs.4,75,198.72** (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight and Seventy Two Paisa Only) **due as on 16-10-2024**	Date: 27-12-2024 Time: 04:05 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Janjara No.174, measuring 20X30, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Dasarahalli Gram Panchayath, Bangalore East Taluk, and Bangalore District and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** House belongs to Krishnappa, **North by:** House belongs to Madddurappa, **South by:** House belongs to Anjinappa.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.12.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer.
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

GIRINAGAR BRANCH
No.3/A, JP Road, Girinagar, Bengaluru-560070.
Ph:9483531821, 080-26423245
Email: cb1821@canarabank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

[SECTION13(4)] (For movable/Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **26.10.2024** calling upon the **borrowers 1) Mr. Moby Chacko,** S/o Mr. Chacko, R/o 55, Everard Road, Mernda, Vic., Australia-3754. **2) Mrs. Linta Joseph,** W/o Mr. Moby Chacko, R/o 55, Everard Road, Mernda, Vic., Australia-3754, and **3) Mr. Jossy Chacko,** R/o B-1, Narayana Apartment, 5th B Cross, Athmanada Colony, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, Karnataka to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 1,74,93,400.65/-** (Rupees One crores Seventy Four lakhs Ninety Three thousand Four hundred and Paise Sixty Five Only) along with interest from **01.12.2024** and costs etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the balance amount, due under the said demand notice, with up to date interest, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the entire Mortgaged property/ies described herein below, with all the constructions thereon, in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **26th day of December of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 1,74,93,400.65/-** (Rupees One crores Seventy Four lakhs Ninety Three thousand Four hundred and Paise Sixty Five Only) along with further interest from **01.12.2024** and costs.

The borrower's attention sinvited the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the movables/immovable Properties: 1) Name of Title Holder Mr. Moby Chacko S/o Mr. Chacko and Mrs. Linta Joseph W/o Mr. Moby Chacko. All that piece and parcel of the 3 BHK apartment, bearing no.G15, having 1770 Sq. ft. super built up area together with 495.6 Sq. Ft., Ground Floor, "Midhila Deluxe", Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Bounded on: East by: Flat G16 West by: Flat G14 North by: Passage & staircase South by: Common area.

2) In the joint names of Mr. Moby Chacko S/o Mr. Chacko and Mrs. Linta Joseph W/o Mr. Moby Chacko. All that piece and parcel of the 3 BHK apartment bearing no.G14, having 1770 Sq. ft. super built up area together with 495.6 Sq. Ft., Ground Floor, "Midhila Deluxe", Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Bounded on: East by: Open to Sky, West by: Corridor & Lift, North by: Flat G15, South by: Flat G13.

Date : 26.12.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

एनटीपीसी NTPC

NTPC Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

NOTICE

Registered Office Address : NTPC Bhawan, Core-7, SCOPE Complex, 7-Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003
Corporate Identification Number- L40101DL1975GOI007966

1. The petitioner above named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi for determination of tariff of **Kudgi Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-I (2400 MW)** from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2029.
2. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:
    - a) AP Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited, Corporate Office, P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam-530013
    - b) AP Southern Power Distribution Company Limited, Corporate Office, Back Side- Srinivasa Kalyana Mandapam, Tiruchhanur Road, Kesavayana Gunta, Tirupathi – 517 503
    - c) AP Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Corporate Office, Beside Polytechnic College ITI Road, Vijayawada-520 008
    - d) Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Limited, H.No. 2-5-31/2, Vidyut Bhavan, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506001
    - e) Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited, Mint Compound, Corporate Office, Hyderabad-500063
    - f) Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600002
    - g) Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited, Corporate Office, K. R. Circle, Bangalore-560 001, Karnataka
    - h) Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited, Corporate Office, MESCOM Bhavan, First floor, Kavoor Cross Road, Bijai, Mangalore- 575004
    - i) Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company Limited, Corporate Office No. 29, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Hinkal, Mysore-570017
    - j) Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Station Main Road, Gulbarga- 585102
    - k) Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited, Corporate Office, Navanagar, PB-Road, Hubli-580025
    - l) Kerala State Electricity Board Limited, Vaidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram-695004
3. Capacity of the generating station : 2400 MW
4. Approved capital cost of the project : Rs. 14893.45 Cr
5. Authority which has approved the Capital Cost : CERC
6. Scheduled date of commercial operation : Not Applicable
7. Actual date of commercial operation of station : 15.09.2018
8. Capital cost on date of Commercial operation of Station: Not Applicable
9. Details of tariff:

Particulars	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined					
	Tariff for the previous year*	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1. Capacity Charges (Lakh/ year)	320497.45	319459.06	317132.31	317476.85	318162.73	317478.33
2. Energy Charges (Rs./kWh)	5.494	5.334				

* As per Petition for truing-up of tariff for 2019-24 period for **Kudgi Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-I (2400 MW)** filed with Hon'ble CERC.

10. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of NTPC, namely **www.ntpc.co.in** under the Tab "Notices".
11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiaries through e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Noida (U.P.)
Date: 03.12.2024

(U.S.Mohanty)
Addl. General Manager (Comml.)

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Leading the Power Sector

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL & BHEL)
CIN: U40101KA2009PLC049582

No. EE(MSP)/YTPS/24-25/253 **Date: 28.12.2024**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

RPCL invites bids from reputed agencies for the following E-Tenders through e-procurement **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Procurement of (1) KPCL/2024-25/IND1416 Date: 28.12.2024** Various 1.1KV LT UG Cables. **(2) KPCL/2024 25/IND1409 Date: 23.12.2024** Power supply modules-SMPS. **(3) KPCL/2024-25/IND1408 Date: 23.12.2024** Feeder belt for HP1103 mill. **(4) KPCL/2024-25/IND1366/CALL-2 Date: 18.12.2024** Thermo gravimetric Analyser required for proximate analysis of coal. **(5) KPCL/2024-25/IND1394 Date: 13.12.2024** Cation conductivity analyser. **(6) KPCL/2024-25/IND1392 Date: 13.12.2024** MS plate and MS Channel. Last date for bid submission: For Sl. No. 1: **14.01.2025, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **07.01.2025, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 to 6: **06.01.2025, 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP),** RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus-584134, Raichur. Mobile: 9480682892. E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com

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Government of Karnataka

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Tel : 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080 22215602

No: DYES/AP/Engg/92/2024-25 **Date: 16.12.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Subject:- The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the Development of Javagal Stadium, Arasikere taluk, Hassan District & Providing and fixing of High mast light to Nagamangala Taluk Stadium in Mandya District, Karnataka.

Work Details : (1) Development of Javagal Stadium, Arasikere taluk, Hassan District. Amount put to tender : **Rs 83.99 Lakhs,** EMD : **Rs 1,67,983.00.**

(2) Providing and fixing of High mast light to Nagamangala Taluk Stadium in Mandya District. Amount put to tender : **Rs. 16.65 Lakhs,** EMD: **Rs 41,615.00.**

Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid: **30.12.2024 time 16.00 Hrs,** Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid : **31.12.2024 time 16.30 Hrs.**

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/4007/Zen/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

Sl. No	Tender No. & Date, Name of the work, Amount put to tender, EMD, Last date for submission and Contact Person
	KALI NADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
1	**(1)** KPCL/2024-25/SE0188/CALL-3, Date: 26.12.2024. Providing services of 03 Nos Pharmacists required at KHEP Hospitals, KPCL, Ambikanagar, Ganeshgudi & Kadra for a period of 24 months. Tender Amount: **Rs. 15,47,061/-.** EMD: **Rs. 30,942/-.** Last date & time for receipt: **06.01.2025, 17.30 Hrs.** Contact: **Deputy Medical Superintendent, KHEP Hospital,** KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Ph.No.: 08284-258630, M: 9449599145, Website: www.karnatakapower.com, Email: khephospital@gmail.com
	SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
2	**(1)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1889/CALL-2, Dtd: 26.12.2024. Fabrication and Erection of Steel House Platform for 02(Two) generating units at Sharavathy Generating Station. EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-.** Last date for submission: **09.01.2025 up to 12.00 Hrs.** Contact: **Executive Engineer(Turbine)Jog,** SGS, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagara Tq., Shivamogga Dist., M: 9449598802. **(2)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1997/CALL-2, Dtd: 20.12.2024. Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 11kV colony feeders protection relays at Linganamakki Power House, Linganamakki-577421, Shivamogga Dist., Karnataka. EMD: **Rs. 18,870/-.** Last date for submission: **03.01.2025 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Contact: **Executive Engineer(O&M),** LDPH, KPCL, Linganamakki-577421, Sagara Tq., Shivamogga Dist., Ph: 08186-240345.
	SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION
3	**(1)** KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2388, Date: 20.12.2024. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 4 Nos. of Submersible Pumps at Shimsha Hydro Electric Station(HES). EMD: **Rs. 7,400/-.** **(2)** KPCL/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT2385, Date: 19.12.2024. Up gradation of 2.2kV/4.6kV to 2.2kV/11kV Distribution System for Colony Power Supply at Shimsha HES. EMD: **Rs. 54,506/-.** Last date for submission/uploading for Sl.No. **(1) 04.01.2025 & (2) 08.01.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Work Completion period for both : **Sl.No. (1) & (2) 150 Days.** Contact: **Executive Engineer(O&M)Shimsha,** KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist., M: 09902835577.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

No. FD 03 BMB 2024 **Bengaluru, December 30, 2024**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **8.06% Karnataka SDL 2025** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification **No. FD 01 BMB 2014 Dated January 22, 2015** will be repaid at par on **January 28, 2025** with interest due up to and including **January 27, 2025.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after January 28, 2025.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **8.06% Karnataka SDL 2025** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/- (Dr. P.C Jaffer)
Secretary to Government
(Budget & Resources), Finance Department

DIPR/CP/4001/Zen/2024-25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

Phone No:0836-2373348

ಕ್ರಸಂ.: KMCRI/SUP(5)/Re-EQP/OPTHO/62/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–12–2024

Re-Tender Notification (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯ Opthalmology ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಉಪಕರಣ ಪೂರೈಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರದಾರರಾದ ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರು / ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಏಜೆಂಟ್ಸ್ / ಅಧಿಕೃತ ವಿತರಕರಿಂದ ಪೂರೈಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆಯ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999–2000 ಅನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

01	Tenders may be uploaded from	31-12-2024
02	Last date for Tender Queries (will be considered in writing letter pad)	03-01-2025
03	Pre-bid Meeting	04-01-2025
04	Last date for uploading the tenders	10-01-2025 before 5-00 PM

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು, ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಆರ್.ಆಯ್. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುವ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– (ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು)
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Town Panchayat Ankalagi-Akkatangerhal

Tq:Gokak **Tel No:08332-262371** **Dist: Belagavi**

NO:TPAA/PWD/SBM/TENDER/2024-25 **D: 31-12-2024**

KPP Portal Notification Full Term Re-Tender

Detailed Standard Tender Document KW-1.2 and KG-1,2 item rate bids are invited For Town Panchayat Ankalagi-Akkatangerhal through KPP Portal platform from the eligible Civil and Suppliers and contractors registered in PWD for the 34 Packages are sanctioned under 2024-25 Swach Bharat Mission (SBM)2.0 Grant Scheme,2024-25 15th Fin Grant, 2024-25 SFC Untied (SCSP-TS) ,2023-24 SFC untied and 2024-25 Swach Bharat Mission 2.0(MRF). Bid documents can be downloaded from Karnataka Government KPP Portal, Last date for securing additional information **15/01/2025 upto 5.30 pm,** Date of Pre Bid Meeting **10/01/2025 upto 12.00 pm** Last date for uploading of tender Document with EMD **16/01/2025 upto 5.30 pm** Date of opening of Technical bid **18/01/2025 at 11.00** am Date of opening of Financial bid **22/01/2024 at 11.00 am.** (Financial Bid Shall Be Opened After Approval of Technical bid From Competent Authority). The above notification can also be visited online web site: **www.ankalagi-akkatangerahal.town.mrc.gov.in and www. Website: www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The under signed reserve the right to accept or reject any one or all the bids received without assigning any reason. And it will be responsibility of the bidder to take all precautionary measures during execution of work to avoid any damage to public as per IRC specification.

DIPO/BGM/RONO.1379/24-25

Sd/-
Chief Officer.
TP Ankalagi-Akkatangerahal

Sd/-
Administrator
TP Ankalagi-Akkatangerahal

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited
and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road,
Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

IDFC FIRST Bank

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **12.06.2024** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. M/S SRIT INFOSYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED, 2. PRABHU M, 3. RASHMI B, 4. S R TECHNOLOGIES,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,64,09,345/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lac Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five Only)** as on **12.06.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **24th day of DEC 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **Rs. 1,64,09,345/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lac Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub - Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No. 1B/1, Assess No. 18, Property No. 1, Old Cmc Khata No. 1A & 1B/613/1B/1, Present BBMP Khata No. 613/18/1/1b1/1, Measuring East West: Eastern Side 40 Ft. 08 Inches, Western Side 40 Ft. 08 Inches, North South: Northern Side 36 Ft., Southern Side 36 Ft., Situated At Ramachandrapuram Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560097, And **Bounded As: East :** Private Property **West:** Road **North:** Road **South:** Remaining Portion Of The Property Belongs To Anusuyamma

Date : **24-12-2024**
Place : **KARNATAKA**
Loan Account No:
10108136436 & 10108643345

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road,
Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from empanelled contractors and also willing to empanel in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Last date for submission of bid: 27.01.2025 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel at Kundagola Taluk, Dharwad District (BCWD-1973). **Work Indent No. :** KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 444 & IFT No. 212/2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.2,99,83,481/-
2	Construction of Post Metric PG Girls Hostel at Jappinamogaru, Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District (BCWD-2580) **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 445 & IFT No. 213/2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.3,03,12,525/-
3	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel at Cheluru, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District (BCWD-1743). **Work Indent No. :** KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 447 & IFT No. 215/ 2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.2,99,62,602/-.
4	Construction of Post Metric Boys Hostel at Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District (BCWD-289). **Work Indent No. :** KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 446 & IFT No. 214/2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.2,99,79,949/-.
5	Construction of Post Metric Boys Hostel at Vijayapura Taluk, Vijayapura District (BCWD-2572) **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 448 & IFT No.216/2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.2,98,77,966/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4012 /AKAR/2024-25

HIL: UP Rudras beat Kalinga Lancers

UP Rudras came from a goal down to beat Vedanta Kalinga Lancers 3-1 to register their first win in the Hockey India League in Rourkela on Monday. Enrique Gonzalez put Kalinga Lancers ahead in the 13th minute through a field strike before Kane Russell (45th) converted a penalty corner and later Sudeep Chirmako (50th) scored from a field effort to give UP Rudras a 2-1 lead. Russell was again in the thick of action, converting another penalty corner in the final minute of the game.

Clock is ticking for famed duo

Once automatic choices in playing XI, out-of-form Sharma & Kohli under immense scrutiny

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GOMESH S
MELBOURNE

MITCHELL Starc had just come back for a short spell before lunch. It had been a brief while since Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul fell and this short burst was another chance of having a go at Yashasvi Jaiswal and Virat Kohli. This was a little after noon and the record for an all-time attendance was in danger with about 50,000 people already coming in for what promised to be yet another day of exciting contest at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Jaiswal and Starc have had their run-ins this series and this time the youngster was in no mood to get bogged down. He was batting outside the crease, charging at the left-arm pacer to counter the seam movement. Even as Jaiswal did all that, Australia's target was at the other end — Kohli.

Right through this series Kohli had shown a clear pattern. One that is well established in the last five years. Push it wide outside off and tease him, Kohli will go for it. Or hit the deck and surprise him with the extra bounce. Although it had been a longstanding weakness, Kohli, on this tour, has shown little discipline. Whether it is the Brisbane first innings or Melbourne, one could have seen that dismissal coming from a mile away. Here was Starc, running into the pitch with huge chants of Kohli from the massive Indian diaspora that had filled the stadium on the final day. He knew what the plan was — an away swinger full and wide. Kohli, with no feet movement, just went with his hands. The rest, as they say, is there to see. On the brink of lunch, with just few balls to go, Kohli had thrown his wicket away. What followed was on the expected lines as India lost by 184 runs and let Australia take a 1-2 series lead.

The frustrating part of Kohli's dismissal is that it has been happening for a while now. Ahead of the Boxing Day Test, when Rohit Sharma was asked what kind of conversations you have with a modern day great like Kohli, all the Indian captain had to say was: "You only said he is a modern-day great. Modern-day greats will figure out their way or the path (to overcome issues)."

While Sharma said it in a joking way, Kohli hasn't been able to figure it out. Barring that one innings in Perth, Kohli had barely gotten himself in. That he averages 24.52 this year and 11.16 in this tour Down Under without that century is telling of where he stands.

Unlike Kohli, Sharma's time in Test cricket came much later and he was a pretty good opener for about four years. However, it's not the same anymore. Since the start of the year, Sharma averages 24.76 and in Australia it goes down to 6.2. From the time he arrived in Australia and took over the reins, not one thing has gone well for India or Sharma and that has not done good for his confidence. The one difference between him and Kohli perhaps is that Sharma has rarely more often than not has gotten out trying to defend. Even on Monday during his 40-ball stay at the crease, he tried to play his shots only twice. One he almost got out and the other he eventually did. More than the runs not coming, the manner in which he got out makes one wonder whether his reflexes are taking a toll and are not the same anymore. Ask him where he sees himself, a very unlike Sharma platitude comes along. "I stand where I am standing today. There is nothing to think about what has happened in the past. Obviously, few results have not gone our way. As a captain, yes, that is disappointing. And yes, as a batter as well," he said before admitting that the focus now moves to Sydney where India have a chance at levelling the series.

Which brings on to the most important question. Do Sharma and Kohli walk into the playing XI purely on performance? If they are not who they are and did not have the past record or the stardom they have, will they deserve a place? The onus now is on selectors and the BCCI.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

(Above) Australia players celebrate their win. (Below) Rohit Sharma once again failed to impress with the bat | PTI

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st innings 474. India 1st innings 369. Australia 2nd innings (O/n 228/9): Lyon b Bumrah 41; Boland 15 n.o. **Extras:** (lb-10, nb-6, w-1) 17. **Total:** (all out in 83.4 ovs) 234. **FoW:** 1-20, 2-43, 3-80, 4-85, 5-85, 6-91, 7-148, 8-156, 9-173, 10-234. **Bowling:** Bumrah 24.4-7-57-5, Akash Deep 17-4-53-0, Siraj 23-4-70-3, Jadeja 14-2-33-1, Nitish 1-0-4-0, Washington 4-0-7-0. **India 2nd innings:** Jaiswal c Carey b Cummins 84; Rohit c Marsh b Cummins 9; Rahul c Khawaja b Cummins 0; Kohli c Khawaja b Starc 5; Pant c Marsh b Head 30; Jadeja c Carey b Boland 2; Nitish c Smith b Lyon 1; Washington 7 n.o; Akash Deep c Head b Boland 7; Bumrah c Smith b Boland 0; Siraj lbw Lyon 0. **Extras** (B-5, LB-5, NB-2) 12. **Total:** (all out in 79.1 Ovs) 155. **FoW:** 1-25, 2-25, 3-33, 4-121, 5-127, 6-130, 7-140, 8-150, 9-154, 10-155. **Bowling:** Starc 16-8-25-1, Cummins 18-5-28-3, Boland 11-4-29-0, Marsh 3-2-2-0, Lyon 10-1-30-0, Head 1-0-3-0, Labuschagne 1-1-0-0.

Pant & rest of batters lose plot as Oz take lead

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

ONCE again, it all began with a reckless shot by Rishabh Pant. From 33/3 on the brink of lunch while chasing 340, India had batted through a session without losing a wicket. Yashasvi Jaiswal looked better than he did in Perth with Pant giving him company. When the duo took the field at 3.30 PM in front of an all-time record attendance at the MCG, it was cinematic.

Test cricket at its very best. The senior batters had made a quick exit — a recurring theme in the series — earlier and with the lights gradually fading, the onus was on the next generation stars to navigate the visitors to safety. Jaiswal was at the forefront while Pant was showing plenty of restraint to hold fort at the other end. Only two days ago, Pant had scooped his way back to the pavilion, leading Sunil Gavaskar to lose his cool on air. "Stupid, Stupid, stupid," Gavaskar had yelled on air while being on ABC radio commentary.

The last thing Pant would have wanted is to frustrate the legend, whose name is on the Trophy India are trying to retain, once again. That is also the last thing India would have wanted. But to everyone's dismay, that's exactly what Pant did. Sensing the value of his wicket, the left-hander had displayed plenty of calm until then. He had played over 100 balls, gotten hit in the arm in the process while getting just two boundaries. However, his work was far from over. India, with seven wickets in hand and needing 219 runs from 34 overs, needed Pant and Jaiswal to stay as long as possible. With Virat Kohli and struggling Rohit Sharma's dismissal earlier, it was about survival for India then. There was plenty of hope with the two in the middle. That turned to hopelessness soon as Pant had pressed the self-destruct button yet again.

On the fourth ball of the 59th over, Pant tried to dispatch a long hop from Travis Head into the stands but ended up skying it to Mitch Marsh at long-on.

As the keeper-bat walked back, he was visibly upset with himself. He knew no matter where Gavaskar was watching from, he would have lost his cool once again. Clearly frustrated, Pant threw his glove up but failed to catch it. He stood in the middle of nowhere, all by himself while MCG roared and celebrated with the Australian team, bent down and picked his gloves up before heading back to the dressing room.

From the hosts' point of view, that was exactly what they needed. The floodgates had opened up. Ravindra Jadeja lasted only 14 balls before fending one behind the stumps off Scott Boland. Centurion from the first innings, Nitish K Reddy, lasted just five balls before he was sent back by Nathan Lyon. India were staring at a defeat with Washington Sundar and Jaiswal at the crease.

The duo hung around for about 35 minutes before Jaiswal, while going for a pull, was sent back by Cummins.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

A dejected Rishabh Pant returns to pavilion on Day 5 of the fourth Test | AFP

EXPRESS READ

WB versus Kerala in Santosh Trophy final

HYDERABAD: West Bengal and Kerala, two of India's finest teams with a rich history in the game, will clash in a blockbuster summit showdown of the Santosh Trophy here on Tuesday. This will be West Bengal's 47th final. For Kerala, it will be 16th final.

Osaka makes winning start to season

AUCKLAND: Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka made a winning return to the court after an almost three month absence Monday in the first round of the ASB tennis classic in Auckland. Osaka beat qualifier Lina Glushko 6-4, 6-4.

Indian women crush Maldives in friendly

BENGALURU: Player of the Match Lynda Kom Serto scored four goals on debut while Pyari Xaxa struck a hat-trick as the Indian women's football team hammered Maldives 14-0 in an international friendly here on Monday.

I enjoyed it a lot: Slot on Liverpool's 5-star show

AGENCIES @ London

LIVERPOOL moved a step closer to a record-equalling 20th English top-flight title as a 5-0 thrashing of West Ham opened up an eight-point lead at the top of the Premier League.

Luis Diaz, Cody Gakpo, Mohamed Salah, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Diogo Jota were on target for the rampant Reds in east London as they ended the year as huge favourites to deliver just a second league title in 35 years.

Nottingham Forest are the surprise closest challengers in second, but Arsenal and Chelsea can close the gap as they are in action later in the week.

Arne Slot has repeatedly stressed nothing can be won yet with Liverpool still one game shy of the halfway mark in the Premier League. But the Dutchman's succession of Jurgen Klopp continues to look flawless after a 23rd win in 27 matches in all competitions. "I enjoyed it a lot because it doesn't happen many times that I could just sit back and enjoy," said Slot.

Diaz had been rested for the 3-1 win over Leicester and it was the Colombian who opened the floodgates on 30 minutes at the London Stadium. His intended pass into Curtis Jones rebounded back into his path off a West Ham defender and he dispatched his shot low into the corner.

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (C) celebrates his goal with teammates | AP

NorthEast sink Mumbai City FC 3-0 in ISL

ENS/AGENCIES @ Mumbai

NORTHEAST UNITED FC defeated Mumbai City FC by 3-0 at the Mumbai Football Arena in the Indian Super League (ISL) here on Monday. This was the first time that the Highlanders triumphed over the Islanders in their last seven ISL meetings. Despite dominating possession, Mumbai could take only three shots on target, as compared to the seven by the visitors. NorthEast were off to a dream start and scored in the 46th second through Alaaeddine Ajaraie, in what turned out to be the fastest goal by the Highlanders in an ISL game, beating the previous best by VP Suhair (01:42 vs Mohun Bagan Super Giant in 2021).

This strike broke Mumbai's four-game-long streak of keeping clean sheets, and it also resulted in the second-fastest goal conceded by the Islanders in the ISL history.

Chess wizards from the country had a momentous 2024, rewriting history on multiple occasions. From D Gukesh's world title to Koneru Humpy's recent success at US, Indian chess just kept on giving, writes **Swaroop Swaminathan**

Winning moves & historic returns on 64 squares

Finish Line 2024

IT's that time of December. The days are shorter and the weather several degrees cooler as the winter begins to set all over the country. That means the end of the year is round the corner and the often thankless exercise of writing about the best <enter X here> is here.

In 2024, a lot of Indian athletes and teams excelled on the world stage. Neeraj Chopra went to a place so rarefied the air he breathes can only be found on Everest. The men's hockey team jumped past significant obstacles to return from Paris with another fine bronze. Vinesh Phogat beat the wrestler who never loses in Paris en route to a frankly thrilling ride in Paris before the heart-ache a few hours later. At long last, the men's cricket team married tenacity and skills to end a 11-year ICC title drought. Staying in cricket, Jasprit Bumrah had the sort of year that should have needed a separate subscription package to watch it.

Frankly, though, all those accomplishments have been left in the shade thanks to the miracle workers across 64 squares. 2024, in time, will be remembered as the year when India's elite chess players ascended a higher plane. There were several warning shots in 2022 and 2023 but they are no longer the future. The future is here and it promises to be filled with trinkets and gongs of all shapes and sizes. Just before the curtains came down on 2023, D Gukesh belatedly advanced to the Candidates. With the curtains just about to close on this year, Koneru Humpy, whose experience alone is greater than Gukesh's age, was crowned as the women's world rapid champion in New York.

In the interim, Indian chess only had peaks. From Chennai to Singapore and Budapest to Toronto, the only constant was history rewritten multiple times across the year. Arjun Erigaisi breached 2800. Gukesh became world champion. Both teams won barely believable gold at the Olympiad in Budapest in September. Aravindh Chithambaram, one of the OG wunderkinds, triumphed at the Chennai Grand Masters event in November... India's annus mirabilis in chess just kept on giving.

To paraphrase IM Venkat Saravanan, there has indeed never been a time like this in Indian chess. "What has happened in India in the last 10 years has been amazing," he says. "There has definitely not been a time like this." There's a reason why the likes of Saravanan feel this way. It's not just because of the medals and the gongs, they of course help. But there's something greater at play. India's depth. Forget the fact that India's ceiling right now is sky high. Their floor is also so high it might well be the ceiling of some of the bigger chess nations.

A lot of factors have contributed to this holistic growth. Here's Sandeep Singhal, who played a big role in setting up the WestBridge Anand Chess Academy (WACA) just after the pandemic began. "Serendipity," is the word he used to describe the Academy he has been at since its inception. That's true. When Singhal and Viswanathan Anand had a conversation about doing something for chess, they didn't budget for a world champion to emerge from their stable in under five years. "It was a very chance encounter with Anand," he said. "I have always wondered why Indian athletes at the junior level are world beaters but the transition to seniors is harder and they tend to slip. Largely because the quality of inputs at that level becomes less than global standards."

So an ecosystem was put in place where Indian chess players would remain the gold standard even at the senior level. WestBridge started sponsoring Gukesh and R Vaishali in 2023. "We signed him for the next five years, we weren't expecting anything... Gukesh was a promising 17-year-old. We wanted to work with him and give him our inputs." Around the same time, Grzegorz Gajewski came on board to become Gukesh's primary second. "We gave him resources that were needed at this level. The rest... brilliance of Gukesh and an idea whose time has come. It happened much more quickly than we imagined."

WACA has blossomed into a finishing school of sorts and it helps that Anand is hands on. The five-time world champion's job description includes scouting the next Gukesh. "We don't have to run a structured process," Singhal said. "Anand is mentor, he's also an active player. He has his eyes on the field. If there is someone in that field that starts to look like breaking through, they very quickly come on the radar." As WACA's reputation has continued to grow, these days players want in. "Pretty much all the top players, they reach out themselves. The network effect has seen to that."

That, however, is just one side of the coin. Luckily, the other side of the coin is also an incentive. Here's RB Ramesh, the super coach who has developed the likes of Vaishali and R Praggnanandhaa. "Back in the day," he told this daily, "if you became an IM, you used to get jobs in banks and railways. If you have to be good, it came at the cost of education as you are not going to school everyday. If you didn't succeed as a player, futures were a question mark. We had public sector establishments giving jobs but they were low paying. Then came the oil sector. It gave chess players some sort of security. That era is over. These days, players aren't looking for jobs, they are looking to become professionals as they want to make a living by playing the game. And that's possible because new avenues have opened up. Organisers, streamers, influencers, writing books, trainers...

"And the players coming through the system believe they can not only challenge the best but be the best." In 2024, India's players proved that point many times over.

Sport of the year

STARS OF 2024

A double-Olympic medallist, a skillful master of his craft who helped end a 11-year drought, a prodigy taking his rightful place in the history books, and the newest hope on the horizon, when it came to 2024, Indian sports saw it all. Here's a look at some of the best individual performers of the year...

D GUKESH

2024 was undoubtedly the year of D Gukesh. After beating the Chinese defending champion Ding Liren in the 14th and final game of the FIDE World Championship in Singapore, the 18-year-old became the youngest world chess champion in history. In the Chess Olympiad, he did not lose a single match and his performance helped Indian men's team win their first-ever team gold at the event.

ANMOL KHARB

SHUTTLER Kharb played a vital role in India's maiden title triumph at the Asia Team Championships 2024. Kharb, 17, not only featured in deciders but won all three of the matches she played.

NEERAJ CHOPRA

GOING into the Olympics as the defending champion, Neeraj was battling injuries. Nothing less than a gold was expected from him and the javelin thrower performed his level best to return with a silver with the best throw of 89.45 metres adding to India's medal tally.

DEEPIKA

THEY failed to qualify for the Olympics in January but Indian women's hockey team came back strong in the Asian Champions Trophy. Deepika was undoubtedly the star of the show for India in Rajgir with 11 goals in seven fixtures. She continued her form in the Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup in Oman with 12 goals as India lifted the trophy.

HARVINDER SINGH

AFTER a disappointing show of archers at the Olympics, India's para-archers stepped up their game to bag two medals in Paralympics. Harvinder Singh secured India's first-ever Paralympic archery gold in the men's individual recurve open event. Calm under pressure, the 33-year-old defeated Poland's Lukasz Ciszek 6-0 in a one-sided final to claim the top spot.

MANU BHAKER

FOLLOWING a heartbreak in the Tokyo Olympics, Manu Bhaker dusted herself off alongside her coach Jaspal Rana to get ready for the 2024 Paris Games. Her hard work paid off as she became the first Indian athlete to win two medals at a single Olympic Games when she won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and the mixed team 10m air pistol events.

JASPRIT BUMRAH

FROM the T20 World Cup in the USA and the Caribbean to the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, Bumrah made something happen every time he stood on his bowling mark. With 71 wickets in Tests in 2024 at an average of 14.92, on many occasions, he was the lone warrior for the team throughout the year.

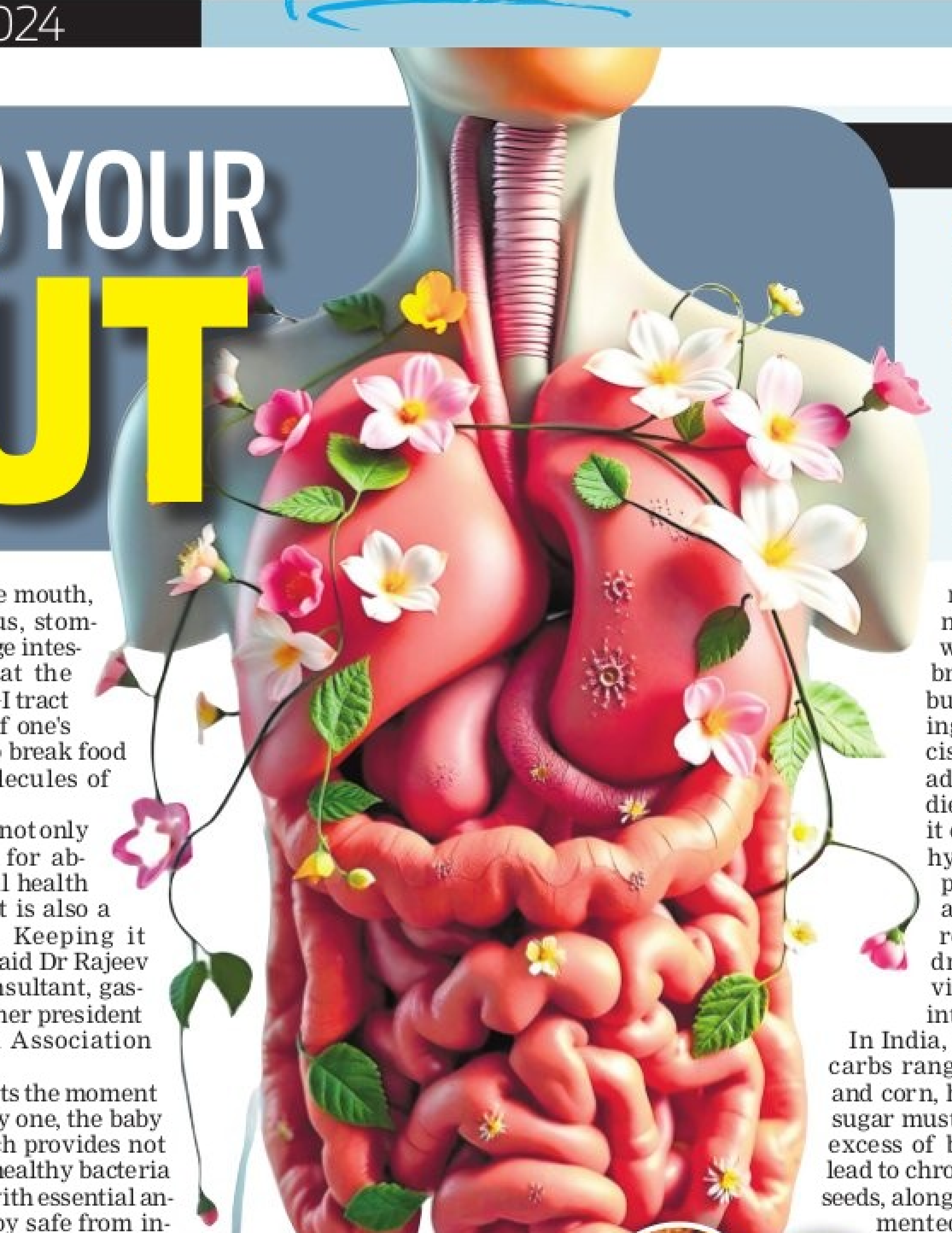
THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

XPLORE Health

A survey conducted by the Indian Dietetic Association (IDA) and Country Delight among 2,017 people aged 25-50 in three metro cities—Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru—found that 70% of them suffer from digestive and gut health problems because they consume ultra-processed food (UPF) high in sugar, salt, and fat

MIND YOUR GUT

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT



SUNIL (name changed), a 33-year-old IT professional from Kochi, was regularly suffering from bloating, gas, and irregular bowel movements. He had a desk job, and a sedentary lifestyle. He didn't sleep well, often ate from restaurants, and treated himself with antibiotics when he got sick. After doctors advised him to exercise regularly, improve his sleep pattern, eat a fibre-rich diet with probiotics like yogurt, and limit processed foods, his condition improved in six weeks without any medication.

Sunil was fortunate as he received prompt treatment for his symptoms, managing to recover without the need for any medication. In stark contrast, the situation of Sandeep (name changed), a Delhi pilot, was much more challenging. At 27 years old, he began experiencing a troubling pattern of stomach pain that reared its head time and again. Accompanied by persistent loose motions and noticeable weight loss, his condition raised alarm bells. After undergoing a comprehensive series of blood tests and imaging scans, doctors diagnosed him with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), a chronic condition that can significantly affect one's quality of life. With a targeted treatment plan, he was prescribed a variety of medications aimed at managing his symptoms. Fortunately, he began to show signs of improvement, gradually regaining strength and stability.

But not for long. His health took a downward turn, leading to a relapse that necessitated hospitalisation. He was given corticosteroid injections, which eventually enabled him to return to work. However, his relief was short-lived as he experienced another setback just a few months later, forcing him to confront the lingering complications of his condition once again.

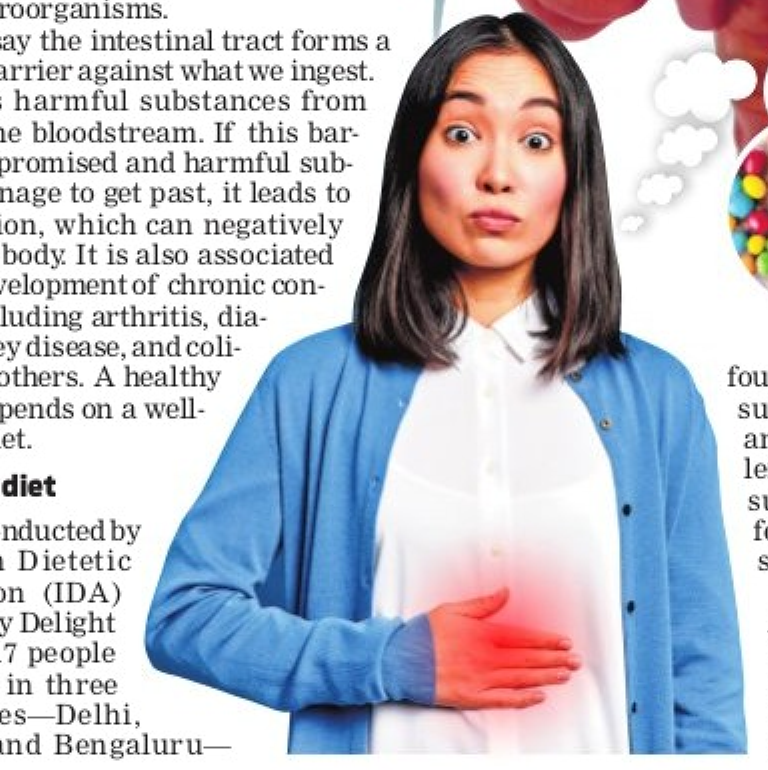
"This pattern of improvement and relapse continued for two years. He was put on biological agents, and his screenings were done at six-month intervals to monitor his progress. Once on biological drugs, he developed certain infections that were difficult to manage with available treatments. Finally, it was decided that surgery would be performed to remove the diseased segment of the intestine," said Dr Sharad Malhotra, senior consultant and head of gastroenterology, hepatology and therapeutic endoscopy, Aakash Healthcare, New Delhi.

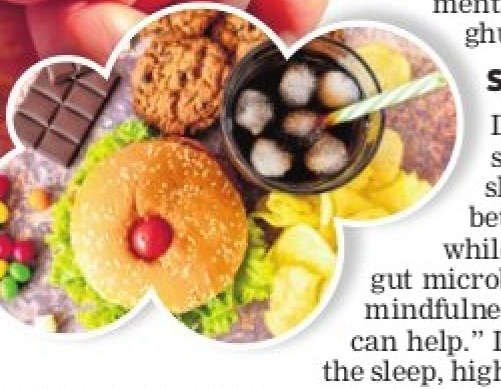
After three years, he went ahead with surgery, and the diseased part of the intestine was removed. "Once the disease toxicity subsided, he started improving and was managed with very simple medications. Now, this gentleman is fine, taking only basic medications for the management of his IBD," he said. Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, said, "All disease begins in the gut." The gut refers to the entire gastrointestinal tract, which starts at the mouth, includes the oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine/colon, and ends at the anus. This 30-foot-long GI tract works with other parts of one's digestive system to help break food down into smaller molecules of nutrients.

"Our gut is important not only for digestion, but also for absorption and our overall health and well-being. The gut is also a vital immune organ. Keeping it healthy is important," said Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, a senior consultant, gastroenterologist and former president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Cochin.

In fact, gut health starts the moment a baby is born. From day one, the baby is fed breast milk, which provides not only nutrition but also healthy bacteria from the mother along with essential antibodies to keep the baby safe from invading microorganisms.

Experts say the intestinal tract forms a defensive barrier against what we ingest. It prevents harmful substances from reaching the bloodstream. If this barrier is compromised and harmful substances manage to get past, it leads to inflammation, which can negatively impact the body. It is also associated with the development of chronic conditions, including arthritis, diabetes, kidney disease, and colitis, among others. A healthy gut thus depends on a well-balanced diet.





The role of diet

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According to Dr Abhishek Kathuria, senior consultant, gastroenterology, gastrosciences, Medanta, Gurugram, maintaining a healthy gut not only requires eating a well-balanced diet high in fibre, probiotics and prebiotics, but remaining hydrated, avoiding processed foods, and exercising regularly. Dr Jayadevan adds that the traditional Indian diet is healthy overall because it contains a balance of carbohydrates, healthy fats, fibre, protein, and vitamins. "A balanced diet consisting of correct proportions of carbohydrate, protein, fat, fibre, vitamins, minerals, and fruit intake is necessary."

In India, there is plenty of choice of carbs ranging from rice, wheat, ragi, and corn, he said, adding that salt and sugar must be used in moderation, and excess of both these ingredients will lead to chronic diseases. Fish, nuts, and seeds, along with plenty of fibre and fermented foods such as curd or yoghurt, help maintain gut health.

Slacking off on sleep?

Dr Kathuria said that sleep and stress play a major role. "Poor sleep impacts the relationship between the gut and the brain, while stress impacts digestion and gut microbes. Managing stress through mindfulness and ensuring quality sleep can help." Dr Malhotra added that lesser the sleep, higher the number of stress-related hormones. "There is poor digestion when the amount of sleep you get comes down. Many stress hormones increase, changing the circadian rhythm, which leads to poor appetite, digestive patterns, and bowel movements. It also leads to other problems like intestinal cramps, gas, acidity, bloating, discomfort, irregular bowel movements, and abdominal discomfort after meals," he said.

Managing stress, lifestyle

Stress has become part of human life, says Dr Malhotra. Stress leads to poor appetite, decreased bowel motility, uneasiness, irregular eating patterns, eating the wrong things, and sometimes excessive consumption of substances like tobacco and alcohol.

Stress can also contribute directly by increasing the basal acid output of the stomach, changing the motility of the bowel, and leading to poor digestion. In today's modern lifestyle, sleep is often compromised, and there are reports of stress levels going up with extended work hours, congestion, and domestic stress, added Dr Jayadevan.

"Increasing use of mobile phones, video games, and social media are cutting into family time and sleep time. Excessive use of television and streaming media not only makes people sedentary but also reduces their sleep hours as well as family time. Such a lifestyle will undoubtedly affect gut health and the composition of gut bacteria. Accordingly, functional bowel disorders are on the rise, which include things like acidity, gas, indigestion and irritable bowel. Bringing regularity to sleep, exercise, and diet patterns are essential for long-term health," he added.

Signs to look out for

How does one know one is suffering from an unhealthy gut? Dr Pavan Dhoble, Junior Consultant, Gastroenterology, PD Hinduja Hospital and MRC Mahim, Mumbai, said, "The signs include chronic bloating, gas, or diarrhoea, frequent constipation, persistent fatigue, skin issues like acne or eczema, food intolerances, repeated infections or poor immunity, and unexplained mood swings or anxiety." The most important thing is to look out for red flags or alarm symptoms, which are unexplained loss of weight, persistent loss of appetite, difficulty with swallowing, repeatedly passing blood in bowel movements, vomiting, and jaundice.

"A doctor must be consulted without fail if any of these are persistent. The doctor may order a blood and stool test, scan or endoscopic examination based on the clinical presentation. More common gut symptoms such as acidity, gas, and bloating are not commonly associated with the severe disease," Dr Jayadevan said.

COMMON BOWEL PROBLEMS

CONSTIPATION: Difficulty passing stools, infrequent bowel movements

DIARRHEA: Loose, watery stools, frequent bowel movements

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME (IBS): Abdominal pain, cramping, bloating, gas, alternating diarrhoea and constipation

INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD): Chronic inflammation of the digestive tract

DIVERTICULITIS: Inflammation of small pouches in the colon, causing abdominal pain, fever, and changes in bowel habits

FAECAL INCONTINENCE: Accidental leakage of stool

HEMORRHOIDS: Swollen veins around the anus, causing discomfort and bleeding during bowel movements

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MYTH BUSTERS

Dr Arun B Nair

On OCD

Professor of psychiatry, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram

Myth: OCD is all about cleanliness

Fact: There are different types of OCD. What we observe more is an obsession with cleanliness or an obsession with contamination — repetitive thoughts that a part of your body is not clean and resorting to compulsive repetitive washing. Initially it could be taken positively. But gradually as it increases and becomes a dysfunctional state, patients seek treatment. Other common obsessions are pathological doubt, obsession with symmetry, illness, sexual obsessions, blasphemous obsession etc.

Myth: Everyone has one type of OCD or the other

Fact: The level of dysfunction related to OCD is seen only in 1% of people. It becomes a disorder when it produces a socio-occupational dysfunction. It is identified as a disorder when it affects the day-to-day activities of a person. When there will be a reduction in the serotonin level at the disorder level, it is an obsession.

Myth: OCD is a character trait

Fact: OCD is not a character trait. However, there is something called an anankastic personality or obsessive-compulsive personality. If perfectionism is not achieved, they will be dissatisfied. Extreme discipline or following rules at the expense of human emotions is seen in such cases. They will be very strict.

Myth: OCD is not treatable

Fact: If the treatment for OCD is initiated at the early stage there can be fast improvement. Unfortunately, people seek treatment when the condition has progressed, delaying improvement. There are two types of treatment — medical treatment to regulate serotonin levels, and cognitive behaviour therapy to identify cognitive distortions. Medicines and CBT can help in treating the condition.

— COMPILED BY ANNA JOSE

Indoor heating can exacerbate existing respiratory conditions

As winter sets in, respiratory illnesses often rise due to colder weather, low humidity, and increased indoor pollution. **Dr Sunil Kumar K**, lead consultant, interventional pulmonology at Aster CMI Hospital, explains to Rishita Khanna how groups like children and the elderly face heightened risks, while those with pre-existing conditions such as asthma must take extra precautions to stay healthy. Edited excerpts:

● Can you explain why respiratory illnesses tend to rise during the winter months?

Respiratory illnesses often see an increase during the winter months due to several factors. The colder weather drives people indoors, where close contact facilitates the spread of viruses. Lower humidity levels can dry out mucous membranes, making it easier for infections to take hold. Seasonal changes also affect our immune responses, potentially leaving us more vulnerable to respiratory pathogens.

● What are the most common respiratory diseases observed during winter, and how do they affect different age groups?

Common conditions such as influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia tend to spike during this season, posing heightened risks particularly among vulnerable populations like the elderly and young children. In older adults, the consequences can be severe, often leading to complications that require hospitalisation, while children may experience increased susceptibility to infections due to their developing immune systems.

● Are there any specific precautions that people should take during the winter season to protect their respiratory health?

The cold air can exacerbate existing respiratory conditions and increase susceptibility to infections. To mitigate these risks, it is advisable to dress warmly, ensuring that the nose and mouth are covered to prevent inhaling frigid air, which can irritate the airways. Maintaining good indoor air quality is essential — using humidifiers can help keep the air moist and reduce dryness that can lead to respiratory discomfort. Regular hand washing and avoiding close contact with sick individuals can further protect against respiratory illnesses that tend to spike during the winter months.

INTERVIEW

DR SUNIL KUMAR K

● What role does pollution or indoor heating play in worsening respiratory conditions during winter?

The impact of pollution and indoor heating on respiratory health during the winter months is significant and multifaceted. As temperatures drop, many individuals turn to indoor heating systems to maintain comfort, often leading to the release of various pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter into the air. These pollutants can exacerbate existing respiratory conditions, making it increasingly difficult for individuals with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other lung-related issues to breathe comfortably. Additionally, outdoor air quality tends to decline in winter due to increased emissions from heating sources and stagnant weather patterns, which can trap pollutants close to the ground. This combination of indoor and outdoor pollution creates a perfect storm for respiratory distress, highlighting the urgent need for improved air quality measures and awareness of the health risks associated with winter heating practices.

● Are there any particular signs or symptoms that people should be mindful of to seek early treatment?

Symptoms such as persistent fatigue, unexplained weight changes, or unusual pain should not be overlooked, as they can serve as warning signals of underlying health issues.

● How does nutrition and hydration play a role in maintaining good respiratory health during winter?

A well-balanced diet rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants can strengthen the immune system, helping the body fend off infections that can lead to respiratory complications.

Foods high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as fish and flaxseeds, can reduce inflammation in the airways, while fruits and vegetables provide essential nutrients that promote lung function. Additionally, staying adequately hydrated is vital, as it helps to thin mucus in the respiratory tract, making it easier to expel and reducing the risk of blockages and infections.

Rising heart attacks among young women: A growing health concern

XPLAINER

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA

HEART disease, long considered a male-dominated health issue, is now posing a significant threat to women, with alarming trends indicating a surge in heart attacks among younger females.

Estrogen's waning shield

Dr Ravi Prakash, Senior Consultant - Cardiology at PSRI Hospital, Delhi, explained that estrogen, a hormone naturally abundant in women, historically provided protection against heart disease. This shield, however, weakens post menopause, bringing women's risk level closer to men's. "A decade ago, heart attacks in women were mostly seen after menopause, around age 50 or older. Today, we are seeing severe heart attacks in women in their 30s and 40s," he warned.

A silent threat

Unlike men, women often experience atypical or silent symptoms of heart attacks, which can delay diagnosis and treatment. Dr Prakash emphasised, "Chest pain—one of the hallmark symptoms—is less common in women. Instead, they are more likely to experience digestive issues, effort intolerance, dizziness, or generalised weakness."

The lifestyle factor

Modern lifestyle changes have impacted women's cardiac health. Dr Prateek Chaudhary, Senior Consultant - Interventional Cardiology at Asian Hospital, Delhi, highlighted the role of poor eating habits, lack of exercise, high stress levels, and insufficient sleep in increasing heart disease prevalence. He also point out that sedentary lifestyles, particularly among women, contribute to obesity and related health issues. Pregnancy, too, can leave a lasting impact.

Prevention: The need of the hour

Experts stress the importance of early diagnosis. "Women over 35 should undergo regular screenings, including ECGs, echocardiograms, and cholesterol checks," suggested Dr Prakash. Lifestyle changes, such as quitting smoking, managing stress, adopting a healthy diet, and exercising regularly, can resolve up to 80% of heart-related issues, according to Dr Prakash.

Dr Chaudhary added, "Moderate-intensity exercise for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, is essential for maintaining heart health."

Warning signs to watch out for

Digestive issues: Persistent acidity, loss of appetite, gas, bloating after meals, and burping

Effort intolerance: Difficulty performing daily activities that were previously manageable

Dizziness and weakness: Generalised fatigue or feeling faint

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DAY'S DIARY

BRIGHT IDEA

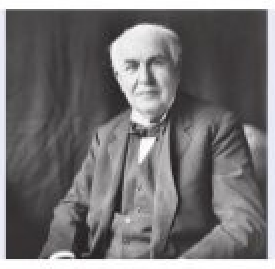
In 1879, Thomas Edison demonstrated his electric incandescent lamp at his Menlo Park lab, New Jersey.

FOR THE UNTOUCHABLES

Edison's carbon-filament bulb and improved vacuum design created the first practical incandescent lamp, making electric lighting commercially viable.

PIONEER

Edison wasn't the first to invent the light bulb, but his design was the most practical. Historians list 22 inventors of incandescent lamps prior to Edison.



FINAL DAYS

A prolific inventor, he continued to work into his 80s and acquired 1,093 patents in his lifetime. He died in 1931.

A curated gifting guide for New Year's

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THE GOOD, BAD AND CONTROVERSIAL

It's a wrap on 2024, as *CE* reflects on the year's most memorable celebrations, heated debates, and poignant moments of sorrow that captured the city's attention

REAR VIEW 2024

JANUARY

A Golden Triumph

Tennis ace Rohan Bopanna became the oldest tennis player to achieve the World #1 ranking in Men's Doubles after reaching the semifinals of the Australian Open along with his partner Matthew Ebden in Melbourne.

FEBRUARY

An Iconic Visit

Kai Bird, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and biographer was back in Bengaluru after more than five decades, to speak about his book *American Prometheus* which became Christopher Nolan's 2023 magnum opus *Oppenheimer*.

MARCH

Ee Sala Cup Nammadu

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) won the 2024 Women's Premier League, breaking years of jinx as they secured their first-ever title across franchise leagues. The team's historic win renewed hopes for an eventual IPL win in the future.

APRIL

Masterchef Magic

Celebrated chef Gary Mehigan, renowned for *MasterChef Australia*, curated an exclusive dining experience at the Ritz-Carlton, Residency Road.

MAY

Closing Credits

The iconic Cauvery theatre on Sankey Road, a cherished stop for B'luru's movie buffs, shuttered its doors for the final time.

JUNE

A Legend Retires

Renowned footballer and captain of Bengaluru FC Sunil Chhetri stepped off the pitch after his final match for India at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata, bringing a close to Chhetri's illustrious 19-year career.

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JULY

Olympics' Attire under Scrutiny

The ceremonial outfits sported by the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics sparked controversy. Designed by Tarun Tahiliani, the outfits drew criticism for lacking innovation and recycling on digital ikat prints and viscose instead of traditional handwoven textiles.

AUGUST

Endless Injustice

The rape and murder of a Kolkata doctor sparked nationwide outrage and sorrow, exposing the pervasive issue of gender-based violence. Doctors across the nation, including Bengaluru, protested for safer working conditions for women with a renewed call for a safer and more equitable society.

A Cult Above The Rest

47 years after its original release, the restored version of the Kannada classic *Ghatashraddha* premiered at the 81st Venice International Film Festival. Directed by legendary filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli, the film was brought back to life through the efforts of the Film Heritage Foundation (FHF), in collaboration with initiatives by Martin Scorsese (The Film Foundation's World Cinema Project) and George Lucas (Hobson/Lucas Foundation).

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

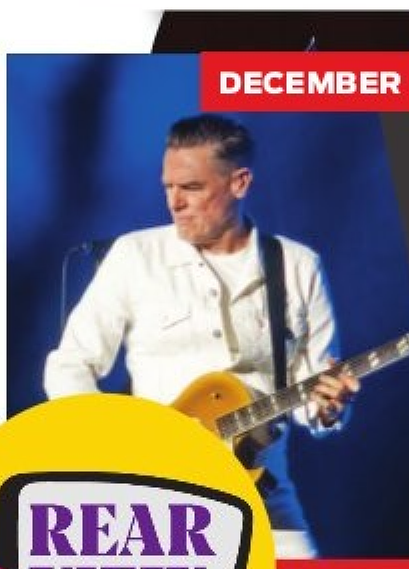
Soaked in K-Bliss

The K-wave festival by SkillBox in Bengaluru hosted around 3,000 fans eager to see their favourite K-pop stars live. Solo artiste and former member of SISTAR, Hyolyn and **Suho**, leader of internationally renowned K-pop band EXO performed hour-long sets.

NOVEMBER

Four-time lucky?

Musician Ricky Kej received his fourth Grammy nomination for his album, Break of Dawn, which emphasises mental wellness featuring a fusion of classical ragas, balance and introspections.



DECEMBER

Musical Stalwarts in Town

Legendary singer Bryan Adams took the Bengaluru audience on a nostalgic ride during his So Happy It Hurts performance. The city was also greeted by the electrifying performance of global music icon Diljit Dosanjh with a surprise appearance by Bollywood superstar Deepika Padukone, marking her first public appearance since the birth of her daughter, Dua Padukone Singh.

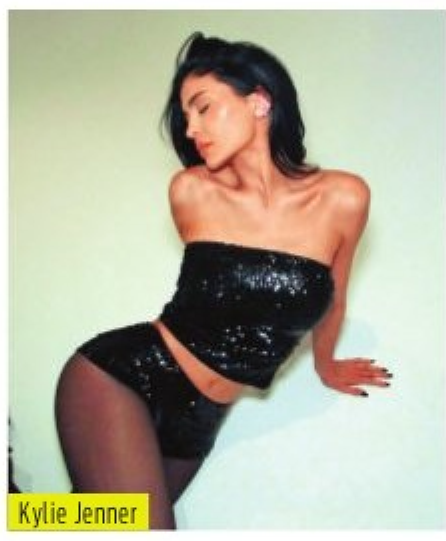
(Curated by Ritika Sarkar)

Sparkle the Night Away

From sequinned boy shorts to elegant dresses, these styling tips will make sure you put your best foot forward into 2025 at any party you attend

MAHIMA NAGARAJU & ABIYA JUSTINA BABU

Esha Gupta



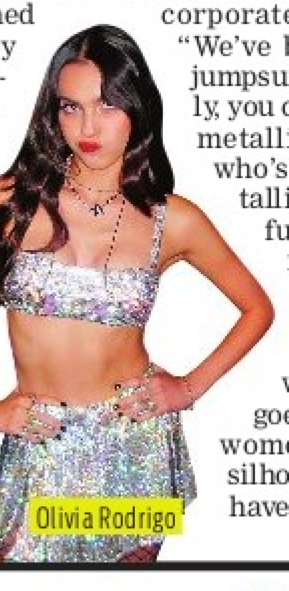
Kylie Jenner

As the end of the year approaches, with a fresh new year right on its heels, Bengalureans are gearing up for 2025 with new resolutions, brand new calendars and planners, but before all that – preparing for New Year's parties. Whether your plans involve dancing the night away at one of the city's many clubs or attending an elegant soiree, these fashion trends will make you look your best as the clock counts down to midnight.

Shine bright like a sequin

While muted and fresh colours have been in vogue all of this year, the city's stylists, image consultants, and fashionistas all agree that it's simply not good enough for the new year. Ditching subtlety for the night – many young people are opting for sequinned outfits and shiny fabrics. "You'll see a lot of burgundy and black outfits adorned with sequins or Swarovski crystals. Anything that catches the light and has that sparkly effect is perfect for the holidays," says digital content creator Zohara Jamal, adding, "If you're going for a full-on sparkly look, pairing it with satin is a great idea because it gives a rich look. If you're wearing a sparkly skirt, you can balance it with a satin top, depending on your style preferences – a cowl neck, a strappy design, or even a long-sleeve blouse."

Apart from the typical sequinned tops, skirts and dresses, some stylish Gen-Zs are going for a quirky look with sequinned boy-shorts. "Sequinned boy shorts are a new trend – people can pair it up with jackets, blazers or trench coats which look really good. If you're going for a black blazer, you can pair the shorts with a red or silver top and some heels. You can also pair them with a turtleneck with some jewellery to add oomph to the look. They're a little difficult to style but look really quirky," says stylist Jaya Kumari.



Olivia Rodrigo

Classic and Elegant

If wearing super short sequinned shorts and channeling your inner disco ball feels too over the top, the city's fashionistas have interesting ways of combining trends with classic elegance. "The Pantone colour of the year is Mocha Mousse, which is a rich shade of brown. Any variation of brown works really well this season – it's like a spill of autumn into winter. It's also incredibly versatile and pairs beautifully with colours like maroon, white, or black. One of my favourite combinations is maroon and beige – it looks elegant and sophisticated," shares image consultant Bia Sandhu.

For fashion designer Michelle Salins, aside from going all out with sequins, they can also be incorporated in subtler ways. "We've been seeing a lot of jumpsuits happening recently, you can dress it up with a metallic belt, or someone who's bold can carry a metallic jumpsuit, or even a fully sequinned green, royal blue, or black jumpsuit. She continues, "Monochromatic looks are always something that goes well with Indian women's body sizes and silhouettes as most of us have smaller torsos."

XPRESS FOCUS

1869 BENGALOORU PARADE LIGHTS UP THE CITY WITH MUSIC AND JOY

The 1869 Bengalooru Parade took place on Sunday, 29th December 2024, celebrating the sesquicentennial of Bengaluru jeweller C. Krishniah Chetty. The parade, an inaugural step for future growth, covered approximately 25 km across the city. Designed as both an end-of-year and New Year celebration, it was live-streamed and broadcast on TV. Spectators along the route, including hotel guests and residents, enjoyed the spectacle.

For the first time in the city, a float featured celebrity singer Chandrika and four others, performing live with dancers. Conceptualised by Dr. C. Vinod Hayagriv and Chaitanya V. Cotha, directors of the jewellery business, the parade aimed to become an annual event each December.

The float began at Main Guard Cross Road at 10:30 am before concluding at Jayanagar 5th Block around 4:45 pm. The parade, authorised by police, aimed to bring unity, harmony, and joy to Bengaluru. "We hope to expand the parade in future years. Our goal is to make the 1869 Bengalooru Parade as iconic as the Mysore Dassera Parade," said C. Vinod Hayagriv.

BSH HOME APPLIANCES UNVEILS SIEMENS EXPERIENCE CENTRE

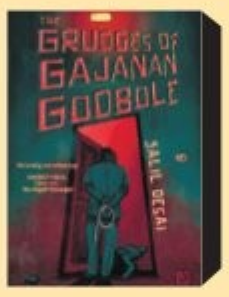
BSH Home Appliances, a subsidiary of global home appliance leader BSH Hausgeräte GmbH, has launched the Siemens Experience Centre in the city. This cutting-edge facility offers an immersive experience into Siemens' premium appliances, with personalised consultations, live cooking demonstrations, and a state-of-the-art Life Arena.

Visitors can explore advanced features of appliances like the iQ700 built-in oven, which uses AI-powered technology for precision cooking. Catering to Bengaluru's burgeoning luxury market, the Centre seamlessly integrates with the city's ecosystem of premium kitchen brands, reflecting its position as a hub for innovation and high-end living.

Saif Khan, MD & CEO of BSH Home Appliances India, highlighted Bengaluru as a key market and said, "The Siemens Experience Centre is more than just a retail destination—it's a hub of inspiration, collaboration, and innovation."

Exhibit

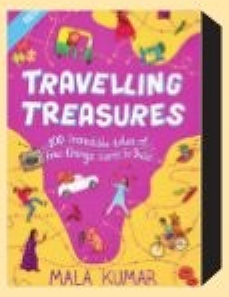
BOOK NOOK



The Grudges of Gajanan Godbole

By Salil Desai

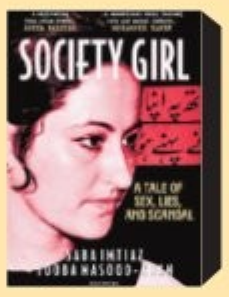
After years of being married to an overbearing wife and wading through life pretending to be half-dead, Gajanan Godbole has finally found himself alone and free.



Travelling Treasures: 100 Incredible Tales of How Things Came to India

By Mala Kumar

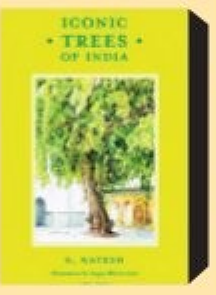
With 100 amazing stories of how things came to India, this book is your passport to an eye-opening tour – across continents – that will make you see everyday things in a whole new light.



Society Girl: A Tale of Sex, Lies, and Scandal

By Saba Imtiaz and Tooba Masood

A retelling of an years-long investigation into this story of twisted motives and murderous intentions, of it-girls and playboys, of class and culture, and a press out for blood and salaciousness



Iconic Trees of India

By S Natesh

It is a celebration of the country's most remarkable trees that have stood witness to its vibrant history and become envoys of its culture. A great book for environment enthusiasts

MELODIOUS TRIBUTE

Hindustani singer Koushik Aithal performs at a tribute concert held in memory of Kannada singer Shivamogga Subbanna | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICKFIX

JACKFRUIT SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Frozen mango chunks:** 2 cups
- **Fresh/ripe jackfruit:** 2 cups, (seeds removed)
- **Pineapple juice:** 2 tsp
- **Coconut mylk:** 2 tsp
- **Frozen banana chunks:** 2 cups

METHOD

- Put all the ingredients in a blender
- Blend them until smooth
- Pour the shake into a glass
- Serve it immediately

Contributed by **Rima Vasu**, New Delhi

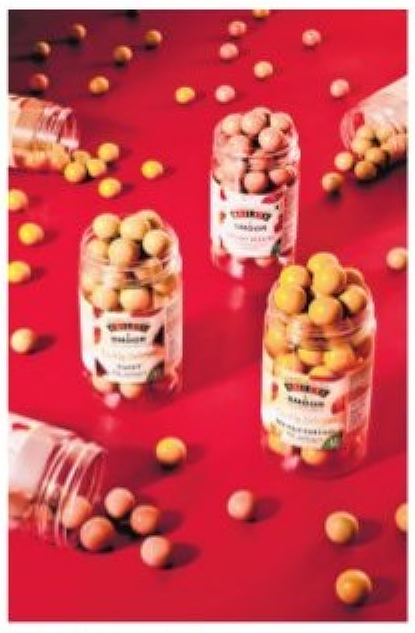
WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Flawless Glow

If your new-year's resolution is taking care of your skin, try this O3+ Ultimate skin care duo. It includes a D-Tan Pack and the O3+ Bridal Facial Kit that effectively removes tan, delivers an instant glow, and provides deep hydration. A perfect holiday gift to start the new year with youthful skin.

PRICE: ₹2,435

DETAILS: o3plus.com



Sweet Treats

This collaboration between Baileys and SMOOR offers the perfect treat for dessert lovers, featuring a premium collection of non-alcoholic chocolate shots, bars, desserts and their signature cake, all inspired by some of India's favourite dessert flavours – Classic Cream, Creamy Berries, and Sea Salted Caramel.

PRICE: ₹295 onwards

DETAILS: smoor.in

Festive Aromas

Celebrate the festive season with this tea gift set by Vahdam India. This delightful set comprises nine tea blends, carefully wrapped in plant-based biodegradable pyramid bags making it a perfect gift for your loved ones to indulge in cozy-holiday inspired flavours.

PRICE: ₹250

DETAILS: vahdam.in

High Spirits

Elevate your Christmas drinks with Mossant's clean-label tonics available in flavours like classic, Jalapeño, Rosemary, and Passionfruit. Crafted with natural ingredients, these tonics offer a refreshing alternative to traditional mixers with crisp flavours and a low-sugar profile.

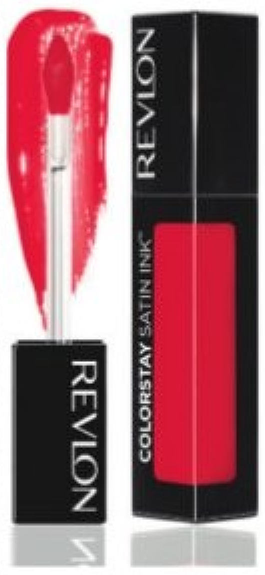
PRICE: ₹99 **DETAILS:** mossant.in

Glam Up

Elevate your Christmas look with Revlon's 16-hour lasting Colorstay Satin Liquid lip colour. Infused with black currant seed oil, it keeps your lips hydrated while delivering luxurious satin finish. From classic red to chic nude, this lip colour ensures that you stand out through the festivities.

PRICE: ₹1,299

DETAILS: revlon.co.in



All-in-One Magic

Embark on a culinary adventure with Tramontina's all-in-one pan, featuring a non-toxic ceramic-coated interior for healthier cooking and effortless cleaning. Equipped with a steamer insert, dual spouts, and a stylish induction-ready design this comes in vibrant colour options making it a thoughtful addition to your holiday table.

PRICE: ₹8,799

DETAILS: tramontina.in

Eco Knits

Surprise your loved ones with thoughtful, sustainable gifts from Virgio's Rock & Rose Collection. Whether it's cosy knitwear, a versatile blouse, or a statement jacket, each piece is designed to be loved for years to come—just like the memories made this holiday season. Happy gifting!

PRICE: ₹1,790 - ₹5,180

DETAILS: virgio.com

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

GAGANACHARI (Malayalam)

The movie is a sci-fi mockumentary set in a dystopian future where three bachelors live in an apocalypse bunker. Their routine is disrupted when a visitor from a distant planet arrives, turning their lives upside down.

Cast: Gokul Suresh, Anarkali Marikar, Aju Varghese

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

EMILIA PÉREZ (French)

A Mexican lawyer is offered an unusual job to help a notorious cartel boss retire and transition into living as a woman, fulfilling a long-held desire.

Cast: Zoe Saldana, Karla Sofía Gascón, Selena Gomez

- **Watch on:** MUBI

TWISTERS (English)

Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend, Javi, to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures.

Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell, Anthony Ramos

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Sun NXT:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

DANDAYAMANA BADDHA KONASANA

(BALANCING BOUND ANGLE POSE)

This is a seated balancing practice that activates the deep core muscles to help open the hips. This intermediate pose prepares the hips, hip flexors, core muscles, and abdominal muscles for Merudandasana (Spinal Column Pose). This pose activates both, the Muladhara (Root) and Swadhisthana (Sacral) Chakras. While the primary focus is on the chakras mentioned, it also activates the Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra since the abdominal muscles are engaged to help them remain in balance. It is a versatile pose with physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits.

STEPS

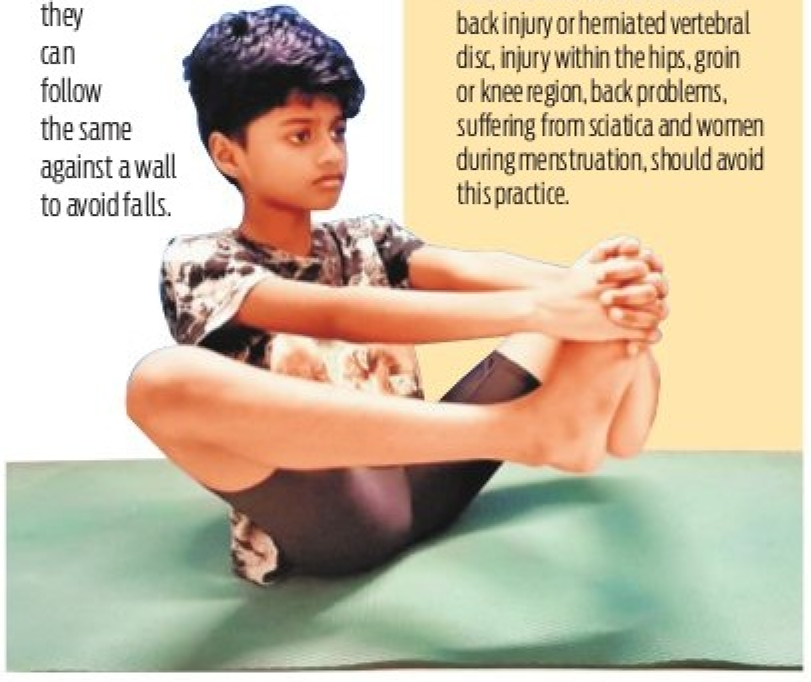
- Start the practice by sitting with your legs extended in front of you in Dandasana (Staff Pose), and take a few breaths here.
- Now bend your knees and join the soles of your feet.
- Inhale, hold your ankles with your palms. Move the heels towards the body, moving them to the groins as much as possible. Exhaling, allows your knees to fall and open on the sides.
- Grab your feet with your hands, interlocking the fingers below.
- Ensure your spine is tall and upright in Baddha Konasana.
- Moving forward in a seated-balancing pose. Inhale, lift your legs off the ground, keeping them in Baddha Konasana legs.
- Feet will be in front of the heart and hands are straight, keeping your fingers interlocked.
- Keep your spine tall and chest lifted. Engage your core muscles..
- Stay here for about six breaths or as per the body's capacity.
- To release, exhaling, go back to Baddha Konasana and finally return to Dandasana.
- If beginners have balancing issues, they can follow the same against a wall to avoid falls.

BENEFITS

- It stretches the hips and inner thighs along with strengthening the core muscles i.e., the abdominal and back muscles.
- It helps in stimulating the internal organs.
- Helps in aiding in the better functioning of the digestive system, improving digestion.
- With the active use of the pelvic floor muscles, women in general benefit more.
- Recommended to those who suffer from infertility, as this stimulates reproductive organs such as ovaries and uterus.
- Sacral Chakra is believed to be responsible for emotional stability in the body and mind.
- Helps in increasing mind-body coordination.
- It is also an energy-boosting and calming practice.
- Relieves a lot of physical discomforts, activates the parasympathetic nervous system (PNS), and releases all pent-up emotions.
- Brings focus, and improves concentration.
- Builds confidence and is part of fun practice.
- Included in partner yoga, where students can hold hands.
- Energises the body with the active use of the core muscles.
- Can also be part of Vinyasa Yoga.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have either lower back injury or herniated vertebral disc, injury within the hips, groin or knee region, back problems, suffering from sciatica and women during menstruation, should avoid this practice.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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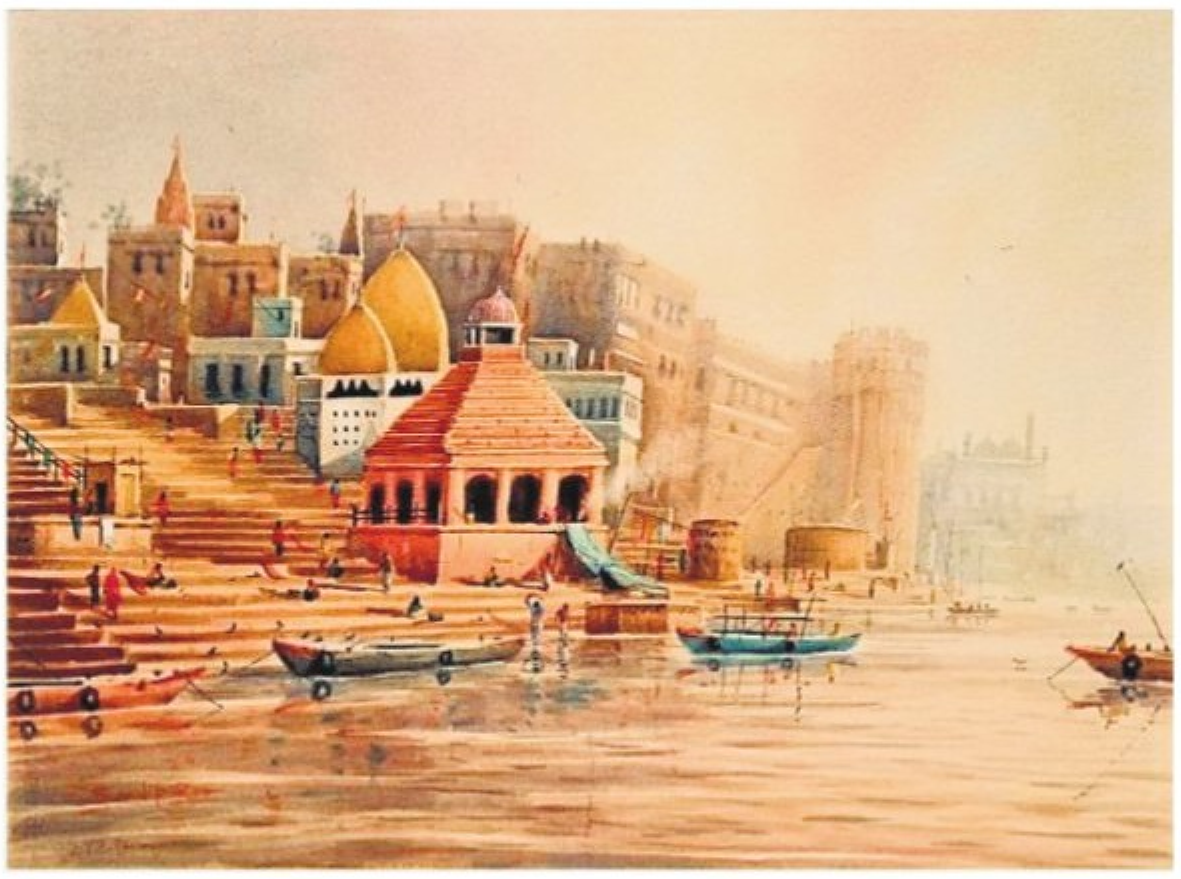

PILGRIMAGE

Artist Sandip Roy's Dawn Light In Benaras delves into the life in Benaras, capturing its ethereal atmosphere

LOVELY, DRAMATIC & DEEP

CE reflects on the four days of Wayanad Lit Fest, where prominent writers, experts and thinkers came together with the common folk at a rustic village nestled in the foothills of the Western Ghats

KRISHNA P S

Campfire at WLF

Amid the misty hills of Wayanad, a cosy literature festival unlike any other unfolded over the past weekend – a gathering reminiscent of the charm of old-world literary meets.

This unique appeal defined the Wayanad Literary Festival, held at a school in the rural village of Dwaraka in Mananthavady. Locals, students, and visitors walked shoulder to shoulder with the likes of writers K R Meera, M Mukundan, and S Hareesh, historian John Keay, and actor Prakash Raj.

The festival, which concluded on Sunday, featured discussions on topics ranging from poetry, literature (both old and new), politics, law, and journalism to AI and climate change. However, what truly set this fest apart was its accessibility.

Common people were encouraged to enter the venue free of cost, attend panel discussions, exhibitions, or listen to their favourite authors reading aloud by a bonfire.

Journalist and festival director Vinod K Jose described the collective brainstorming process as "building a bridge".

When K R Meera declared that complete democracy is only possible when a country ensures gender equality and justice, her words were met with resounding applause from a packed audience.

Another surprisingly jam-packed session was the panel discussion on '75 years of the Supreme Court' attended by former SC judge Jasti Chelameswar, Prof G Mohan Gopal, and Adv Shyam Divan. Mohan alleged that "the bench and the bar have made the judiciary into an oligarchy moving away from the values of the Constitution".

TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, who was among the guests at the festival, spoke about shattering the glass ceiling and rising up the ranks to the helm of a legacy newspaper. In another session, she elaborated on the relevance of journalism and the challenges faced by traditional news media in contemporary times.

WLF Wayanad Literature Festival
TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya (second from right) on a panel discussion along with other journalists at the Wayanad Literature Festival

She shattered notions that old-school "journalism is dead", and also expressed anguish over numerous reporters getting killed in the Israel-Palestine conflict zone.

"I have been hearing that journalism is dead since the time I became one. Journalism is dead as long as you believe it is dead," she asserted.

"In the earlier times, there were only very few spaces and media where different views and opinions could be expressed. However, today, the same event can be reported and examined from different angles in different ways."

During a bonfire reading session, poet Prakriti shared double standards faced by queer writers at lit festivals. She noted how they were often invited "as an afterthought, with pity" and excluded from events involving "mainstream" authors.

Beyond literature, the festival catered to a diverse audience with art exhibitions, a retrospective on Miss Kumari (one of Malayalam cinema's earliest actresses), Sufi music, tribal art forms and much more.

One standout, immersive event was a multimedia theatre production, *I Joseph*, by Kaivalya Plays from Delhi. Based on Franz Kafka's *The Trial*, it captivated many. For the children of Wayanad, it was a rare opportunity to learn acting from actor Parvathy Thiruvothu, who held a workshop. For lovers of literature, it was a chance to hear their favourite authors. And for writers, it was an opportunity to interact with the masses. Most importantly, the fest underscored Wayanad's resilience. "Our goal was to give Wayanad a boost after the landslides that saw a pall of gloom descend upon this region. We wanted to show that Wayanad is resilient," said festival curator Leena Raghunath.

One for serial plant killers

THE GREEN MANUAL

Ekta Chaudhary
An author, and founder of Garden Up, a company dedicated to greenifying spaces, the writer is a trusted voice in the gardening community
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The ZZ plant (Zamioculcas zamiifolia) is a dream come true for those who struggle to keep plants alive. Hardy, low-maintenance, and nearly indestructible, it thrives with minimal care, making it perfect for beginners and busy plant owners.

Suitable conditions for good growth

Sunlight: Low to medium light; avoid direct sunlight to prevent leaf damage.
Water: Water sparingly, letting the soil dry out completely between watering. Overwatering is the only real way to harm it.
Soil: Use a succulent soil mix that ensures quick drainage.
Temperature: Thrives in medium temperatures (18-26°C); keep it away from frost.
Fertiliser: Rarely needs feeding; fertilise just 1-2 times a year during growth periods.

Common variety

Green ZZ Plant: The classic, glossy green version.
Raven ZZ Plant: The black-leaved cultivar for a dramatic look.

Common issues

Yellow leaves: Almost always caused by overwatering. Check soil drainage and let it dry out between watering.

Propagation

The easiest method is divide-and-grow during repotting. For a slower option, propagate through stem cuttings in water.

Super tip

Use a bouquet sponge for propagation. Insert leaf cuttings into the wet sponge, which holds moisture effectively without causing rot. Re-wet once a fortnight for best results.

If you've struggled with plants before, the ZZ plant is your ultimate chance at redemption. Its ability to thrive on neglect makes it the perfect companion for even the most forgetful plant parents.

CITY READ

Engineering students shine at Smart India Hackathon 2024

Students from CMR Institute of Technology (CMRIT) showcased outstanding innovation at the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2024, held nationwide and organised by the Government of India. Competing among over 1,300 teams, CMRIT secured a good position with five teams shortlisted for the finale. Team Pact from CMRIT won in the 'Student Innovation' category, for their AI-powered app that simplifies complex End User License Agreements (EULAs) into easy-to-read summaries. Other CMRIT teams also excelled, addressing issues like marine oil spills.

LOVEOLOGY

Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

FRESH START

HAS your relationship come to so difficult a place that you wish you could somehow take an eraser and clear away all the painful past and have a fresh start?

Despite our best intentions, sometimes our relationships take a deep turn away from the true path we intended for it to take when we started out, and find ourselves in a rocky place. It could be terribly hurtful, and we might be full of anger and resentment, bewildered how it even got there. It would be hard enough if it was so because we discovered that our choice of a partner was wrong and that we had found out through some stroke of luck or misfortune that this person was not at all who we thought they were when we met them and chose to be with them. It is harder still if we find that we are in a very tough place but still think that we are both really good people and it is just an odd but specific set of events, misunderstandings and fate that we find ourselves hating on each other and hurting in our own spaces. In such circumstances, we don't really want to separate at all, nor can we continue as things are, but we just really, really need a fresh start.

Just asking for a new beginning is not easy. Yet, events like a new year, a birthday or an anniversary help us think that a fresh start is even possible. Being able to mark the end of a period and start a new one, even if it is merely symbolic with no real cosmic change whatsoever, can still be enough of a harbinger of hope that it is just about enough to imagine new possibilities.

Few events compare to the New Year for such a time. There is some magic in being able to count down the end of a year, watch the clock tick into midnight, and a whole new year with a fresh set of three hundred and sixty five days and nights emerge, full of potential. When you look at your partner with hope at such a time and find hope reflected back in their eyes, it can be just the tiniest moment of a positive connection that makes what seemed impossible not only possible but even probable.

A record number of people in relationships are likely to hug and begin to make up at that moment than any other single moment in the whole year.

This year has been a horrible one for a lot of us for many, many globally distressing events and certainly for more personal reasons, and yet, even for those of us finding it hard to feel hopeful, it is hard to not pause the cynicism for a few moments when the clock strikes midnight.

If you feel you want a fresh start to your relationship, if you want to start a new conversation and open up to the possibility of healing and restarting your journey towards a healthier and happier relationship, go ahead and seize the opportunity that this new year brings. Make it a happy new year.

(The writer's views are personal)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **ABHISHEK NANDA JAGADISH,** residing at No,122, Yalahanka Road, opp Kristalos School, Kannur, VTC: Kannur, Po: Kannur, Sub District: Bangalore South, State: Karnataka, PIN Code: 562149 have changed my name from **ABHISHEK NANDA JAGADEESH,** (old name) to **ABHISHEK NANDA JAGADISH**, (new name) vide affidavit dated-30-12-2024 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **R SIVAKUMAR** (Father) and **S SIVAPRIYA** (Mother) R/at Flat No.104, 1st Floor, 12th A Cross, 16th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560076 have changed our Son's name from **JASWANT S** to **S JASWANT** vide affidavit dated: 30/12/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ZEENATH UNNISA INAYETH KHAN, Residing at No.# 3 Old No 17/C, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 9th A Main Road, NAFA Bakery BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ZEENATH UNNISA INAYETH KHAN to (NEW NAME) ZEENATHUNNISA** vide affidavit dated 27.12.2024 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vishal Kumar , S/o Suryakanth, Aged about 38 Years, residing at 189, 7th Main, 3rd Cross, Near Subbaiah Hospital Down, Mathikere - 560054 solemnly declare that, I have changed my name to **Vishalkumar Hiremath**. for all my future records from this date 24.12.2024 sworn before Notary B. Anjaneyalu, #27, 1st Cross, H.M.R. Layout, Poornapura, Gokula, Bangalore -560054

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHIVANANDA HIPPARAGI, residing at No.98 KHB Colony, Solapur Road, Vijayapura, Bijapur Vijaya College Post, Bijapur, Vijayapura Dist-586103, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **(OLD NAME) SHRAVYA to (NEW NAME) SHRAVYA HIPPARAGI** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.12.2024 sworn before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEVAKI PUTTASWAMY, W/o. Kalasapura Venkataswamy Narayanaswamy, residing at #92, KHB Colony, Near Police Quarters, Krishnanandanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru 560096, have changed my name to **DEVIKA HESARAGATTA PUTTASWAMY** vide Affidavit Dated: 26/12/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **A V S MANJUNATH,** S/o Swamynathan, aged about 48 years, R/at No.499, V.B.Theatre Road, Kamalanagara, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079, hereby declare that my names **A V S MANJUNATH & MANJUNATHA.G.S** are one and the same names which belongs to me itself. In future I use my name as **A.V.S.MANJUNATH** only. Vide affidavit dated: 30-12-2024, sworn before Notary Ratna.N, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHARANABASAPPA YATHNALLI**, Son of Sri. Veerabhadrappa Yathnalli, Aged about 46 years, Residing at No. 7/1/153, Koppal Ward No. 07, Block No. 7, Koppal, Karnataka - 583 231, do hereby declare that, **SHARANABASAPPA YATHNALLI** and **SHARNABASAPPA YATHNALLI** are the name of one and the same person that is me. Vide affidavit dated 29.12.2024 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIDHYAVATHI THRIVIKARAMA**, W/o.Thrivikrama Poova Sapalya, age about 51 years, Residing at No.113, 4th Cross,19th Main, 1st N Block, Ist stage, Opp. BWSSB Rajajinagar, Benglauru-10. do hereby declare that **hereby declare that I will continue my name from Viday to Vidhyavathi Trivikrama ,.** vide affidavit dated 30/12/2024 sworn before advocate & Notary K.V. Prema kumari,Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **DIVAKAR.D,** S/o. Dhamotharam A.L, aged about 57 years, residing at # 41, 7th Main, Jayaram Reddy Layout, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043, hereby declare that my mother's name **'G.SELVARANI'** is my mother's correct name and **'SELVARANI'** and **'GOVINDARAJ BELVARANI'** are one and the same person. Henceforth, all future correspondence will be as **G.SELVARANI** vide affidavit dated 30-12-2024 sworn before notary Mr. Y. R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PAWAN KUMAR residing at No.16/302, Mantri Residency, Near Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Kalena Agrahara, Bangalore- 560076, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PAWAN KUMAR to (NEW NAME) PAWAN KUMAR PACHISIA** vide affidavit dated 28.12.2024 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudesh Devi, mother of Ravinder Singh, resident of # 1333 Deep Complex, Village-Hallo Majra Chadigarh, Pin 160002 have changed my name from **Sudesh Devi to Sudesh Rani** Vide affidavit IN-KA922-68626670727W dated: 11/12/2024 at Bengaluru Sworn to before me **AR Muneer Ahmed,** Advocate, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHAMSHUDDIN, residing at No.4, 2nd Cross, Umar Nagar, P.O Arabic College, Bangalore 560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHAMSHUDDIN to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED SHAMSHUDDIN ZAHEER** vide affidavit dated 30.12.2024 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AMJAD MOHAMMED USMAN, Residing at No.34, 1st Cross, Hosanna Building, Thimmakka Layout, Families Super Market, Cholanayakanahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AMJAD MOHAMMED USMAN to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED AMJAD** vide affidavit dated 27.09.2024 sworn before Notary Vani. G.K., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SAJITH SATHIADEVAN**, aged about 41 years, residing at J.07.03 Shriram Blue, Seegehalli, Medahalli Road, Near Lake Montfort School, Kurudusonnenahalli, Virgonagar, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-560049, do hereby declare that **SAJITH SATHIADEVAN** in my Adhar Card bearing No.7115 7741 8190, **SAJITH SATHIADEVAN** in my Pan Card bearing No. BIHPS6147N, **SAJITH NEDUMPARAMBIL SATHIADEVAN** in my Passport bearing No. R6984664. That my true and Correct name is **SAJITH SATHIADEVAN,** vide affidavit dated 30.12.2024, sworn to before Rajanna .S.M, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJU PRASAD VARANASI**, Aged about 58 years, W/o Mr. RAMACHANDRA PRASAD VARANASI, Residing at Flat No. 4021, Mykonos Sobha City, 2nd Floor, Thanisandra Main Road, Near Sampigehalli Police Station, R.K. Hegde Nagar, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, BANGALORE 560 077, I have changed my name from **"MANJULA VARANASI" (Old Name)** to **" MANJU PRASAD VARANASI " (new Name)**, vide affidavit dated **28-12-2024** sworn to before Notary R. CHANDRA SHEKAR, Govt. of India, Bangalore. Here afterwards I wish to be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **"MANJU PRASAD VARANASI "** only.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R.RATHNA,** is legally wedded spouse of 14425219K Rank Ex Late NAIK Name **GOWRISHA H V** residing at No. 06, Ground Floor, Gadde Khane, VTC Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, have changed my name from **R RATHNA** to **RATHNAMMA R**, vide Affidavit dated 30/12/2024 beforeNotary **S.SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Arif Khan S/o. Afzal Khan, aged about 43 years, residing at No. 8, 4th Cross, Goripalya, J J R Nagar, Bengaluru 560 018, have changed my name from **ARIFKHAN** to **ARIF KHAN,** and changed my Date of Birth from 09.05.1979 to 01.01.1981, vide affidavit dated 30/12/2024 sworn to before Prakasha.C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANAND M,** S/o. D.Muniswamy, residing at No. 1002, 10th Floor, 6 D Block, Phase 1, Provident Sunworth, Near Rajeshwari Medical College, Venkatapura, Kengeri, Gollahalli, Bangalore 560060, state that i have changed my name from **ANANDA M TO ANAND M,** and declare that both the names belongs to one and the same Person vide affidavit dated 22.12.2024 sworn before Notary V.Nagarajan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHIVANANDA HIPPARAGI, residing at No.98 KHB Colony, Solapur Road, Vijayapura, Bijapur Vijaya College Post, Bijapur, Vijayapura Dist-586103, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **(OLD NAME) AADHYA to (NEW NAME) AADHYA HIPPARAGI** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.12.2024 sworn before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NAGAMMA KRISHNABHAT GALAGI W/o MA Subramanya, residing at No 114, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Sharadha Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NAGAMMA KRISHNABHAT GALAGI to (NEW NAME) SHRIVALLI KRISHNABHAT GALAGI** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.12.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P DHARNESH** No. 526 7th main 11th Cross Coffee Board H A Form Post Hebbal Kempapuram Bengaluru - 560024 have changed my name to **P DHARANESH** vide affidavit dated: 30/12/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. Munilakshmamma,** W/o.Baiyyanna, Aged about 78 years, Residing at: No.110, Kariyammana Agrahara, Bellandur, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560103, Aadhar No.4918 7744 5061, do hereby notify the general public that henceforth, I shall be known as **"Mrs.Munilakshmamma"** and that I have abandoned my name, **"Lakshmamma"** vide Declaration sworn to before the Notary Public, dated.30.12.2024 and I shall be recognized, identified and known as **"Mrs.Munilakshmamma"**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned **DHINAKARAN VALAVANDAR** (New Name) previously called **DHINAKARAN** (Old name), S/o. Late. R. Valavandar, resident of Flat No. G-01, C.S.R. Aster, 7th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Near Royal Oaks, Banaswadi Outer Ring Road, Bangalore – 560 043, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from **DHINAKARAN to DHINAKARAN VALAVANDAR** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 27.12.2024 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAMAIRA CHAND MULLA,** aged 18 years, D/o. Chand Mulla, Residing at No.52, 3rd Main Road, Near Bismillah Function Hall, Bannarghatta Road Cross, Bismillah Nagar, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name to **SAMAIRA MULLA**, Vide affidavit dated: 30.12.2024 before notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROOPA.B.A** W/o Raghavendra, residing at No,384 3rd Cross SKMR Layout, Bilishivale, Dr Shivaramkaranth Nagar, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name from **ROOPA RAGHAVENDRA** (old name) to **ROOPA.B.A** (new name) vide affidavit dated-30-12-2024 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

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2024 Kannada Cinema: triumphs, trials, and the OTT shift

A SHARADHAA

AS the Kannada film industry bids farewell to 2024, it is time to take stock of a year that was defined by both triumphs and tribulations. With over 220 films released, only a select few achieved true commercial success, leaving many with unrealised potential. The year was a rollercoaster, but the overall success rate was subdued. Many projects fell short of expectations, despite a significant collective investment of approximately ₹650 crores. This disparity highlights the increasingly complex challenges faced by filmmakers and producers in a market that is both crowded and fiercely competitive.

The enduring influence of the star system

Even in 2024, the star system remained a dominant force in Kannada cinema. Sudeep's *Max,* released during the Christmas season, made a significant impact, while Upendra's *UI* reaffirmed the lasting draw of established names. High-profile releases such as *Bheema,* directed by and starring Vijay Kumar, and *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*, featuring Ganesh under Srinivas Raju's direction, demonstrated that audience loyalty still gravitates toward big stars. Films like *Bagheera,* starring Sriimurali, and *Bhairathi Ranagal,* headlined by Shivarajkumar, further highlighted the stronghold of star-driven projects at the box office. This trend extended to *Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe,* directed by Suni and starring Vinay Rajkumar.

However, not all star-led ventures met expectations. *Martin,* starring Dhruva Sarja, and *Bachelor Party,* featuring Diganth and Yogi, illustrated how star power alone no longer guarantees lasting success. This shift reflects a paradox in the industry—while stars can ensure initial buzz, sustained audience engagement increasingly depends on compelling narratives and innovative direction. The underperformance of films like *Karataka Damanaka* (starring Shivarajkumar and Prabhudeva), Guruprasad's *Ranganayaka, Yuva* (marking Yuvarajkumar's debut), Gowri directed by Indrajit Lankesh, and *Avatar Purusha 2,* featuring Sharan, underscores this evolving landscape. Kannada cinema is gradually embracing a new era where storytelling, fresh content, and creative risks are becoming just as crucial as star appeal.

The rise of new talent and challenges of innovation

2024 was a year of experimentation for Kannada cinema, marked by the emergence of over 150 new directors—a clear shift toward fresh narratives and innovative storytelling. Filmmakers like Sandeep Sunkad (*Shaakahari*), Srinidhi Bengaluru (*Blink*), Utsav Gonwar (*Photo*), Vaibhav Mahadev (*Juni*), Rajguru B (*Kerebete,* starring Gowrishankar), and Chandrajith Beliappa (*Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali*) infused new energy into the industry, building excitement around their work. However, despite the critical acclaim, several of these projects struggled to achieve significant box-office success. While they resonated with niche audiences, this enthusiasm did not always translate into long-term commercial returns. The disparity between critical recognition and mainstream appeal highlights the ongoing challenge of balancing artistic innovation with financial viability.

This evolving landscape reflects a complex reality—even as Kannada cinema embraces new voices and bold storytelling, the path to widespread audience engagement remains elusive for many emerging talents.

The OTT shift: A new haven for films

The growth of OTT platforms has reshaped the landscape of Kannada cinema, offering a second life to films that underperformed in theatres. Films like *Shaakahari* and *Blink* thrived on streaming services, amassing millions of viewing minutes and finding new audiences beyond the box office. This shift from traditional theatrical success to digital consumption highlights how films can achieve cult status or renewed popularity long after their initial release.

However, this transition is not uniform. While some films flourished online, others struggled to capture attention in both theatres and the digital space, reflecting the unpredictable nature of audience preferences. Navigating this dual landscape of theatrical and digital releases will be vital for Kannada filmmakers seeking to expand their reach. Embracing OTT platforms not as a fallback but as a parallel avenue for storytelling may shape the future of the industry.

The power of music: elevating Kannada cinema

In 2024, music directors played a crucial role in enhancing the cinematic experience, often becoming as influential as the films themselves. Charan Raj's evocative score for *Bheema* and Arjun Janya's soulful compositions for *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi* are worthy mentions. Ajaneesh B Loknath's gripping background score for *Max* amplified the film's impact, proving that music remains a powerful force in Kannada cinema's storytelling arsenal.

Missing heroes of the year

In 2024, several prominent Kannada actors—Yash, Darshan, Rakshit Shetty, and Rishab Shetty—shifted focus to upcoming projects or faced significant delays. Yash's *Toxic* and Darshan's *Devil* were both postponed to 2025, while Rakshit Shetty's highly anticipated *Richard Anthony* remained in pre-production. Rishab Shetty's *Kantara Chapter 1* is also slated for release next year. As a result, 2024 was notably quiet for some of the biggest names in the industry, creating a rare window of opportunity for emerging talent to capture the spotlight.

The loss of prominent figures

2024 also marked a year of loss for the Kannada film industry. The deaths of legendary figures such as actor, director, and producer Dwarkish; and director Guruprasad left an undeniable void in the industry. Their contributions to Kannada cinema were immense.

Looking ahead: The road forward

As 2024 draws to a close, Kannada cinema stands at a pivotal moment. The balance between theatrical releases and the rising influence of OTT platforms continues to shape the industry's future. While star power remains a box-office driver, the demand for fresh narratives, innovative storytelling, and contemporary themes is stronger than ever. Emerging talent brings new perspectives, while established stars retain their influence, creating a dynamic push-and-pull within the industry.

A key takeaway from 2024 is the shifting audience expectation—star power alone no longer guarantees success. Viewers now seek substance, creativity, and relevance, challenging filmmakers to evolve both in content and delivery. As Kannada cinema navigates this transformation, the path forward may be uncertain, but the potential for growth and reinvention is undeniable.

REAR VIEW
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YASH APPEALS FANS TO PRIORITISE SAFETY AHEAD OF HIS BIRTHDAY

Yash

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HE emphasised that his happiness lies in seeing his fans pursue and thrive in their goals, rather than engaging in holding extravagant displays.

The actor also stressed the need for his fans to change the way love they express their love for him. He made this point reflecting on the unfortunate incidents that occurred during his birthday celebrations in the past, tragically resulting in the loss of lives.

In early 2024, three of his fans in the Gadag district of Karnataka lost their lives while erecting a large birthday cutout. The actor had immediately traveled to meet the bereaved families, offering support and condolences. After this tragic event, Yash urged his fans to refrain from hanging banners, engaging in dangerous bike chases, and taking reckless selfies. He insisted that these actions were not a genuine expression of love.

In a media interview, Yash stated, "If you are a true fan of mine, then do your work diligently, dedicate your life to yourself, and be happy and successful."

In another tragic incident in 2019, a fan self-immolated after being unable to meet Yash on his birthday. Responding to the incident Yash has appealed to his fans that such actions were not a true reflection of fandom.

Ahead of his birthday this year, he is taking a proactive step to protect his fans' safety. He made a sincere plea for restraint, emphasizing that their safety and well-being were the greatest gifts he could ever receive.

Yash is currently filming '*Toxic*: A Fairytale For Grown-ups.' Jointly produced by Venkat K Narayana and Yash under KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, the upcoming film has generated significant excitement and anticipation. Directed by Geetu Mohandas, this project is expected to be a massive entertainer for the audiences.

'Hukka Elli' song from *Rudra Garuda Purana* mocks the current political system

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RISHI, known for his roles in Operation Alamelamma and Kavaludari, is now preparing for his upcoming film, *Rudra Garuda Purana*. Directed by K. S. Nandeesh, the film is inspired by the real-life mystery of Pan Am Flight 914, which vanished in 1955 and reappeared three decades later. The 17A Kaveri Express bus plays a pivotal role in the story.

Ahead of its theatrical release on January 24, the team has unveiled the song 'Hukka Elli Sukka Hodi.' The track, sung by Naveen Sajjued, mocks the current political system. The lyrics—"Free rice kottilva, free bus bittilva. Kottu tagolo aata gottilva"—seemingly reflects the deceptive games played by political leaders. The song's concept, which blends politics with spirituality and touches on life's fleeting nature, is written by Manju Mandavaya. He is known for his directorial work on the Yash-starrer Master Piece, his involvement in Upendra's UI discussions, and as a dialogue writer for *Max*. His most recent contribution as a dialogue writer is for R Chandru's production Father.

A still from the

"The makers of *Rudra Garuda Purana* were looking for a concept-based song, so we carefully built the words around that idea to better illustrate the political status quo of the state. The song reveals how small the world is and how politicians take advantage of it," says Manju Mandavaya. Music for the song is composed by KP, and it has garnered positive reviews since its release on the Ashwini Arts YouTube channel.

The film is produced by Ashwini Lohith under the Ashwini Arts banner. The director writes the screenplay and story, with dialogues penned by Raghu Niduvalli. Apart from KP, the film's technical crew also comprises cinematographer Sandeep Kumar and editor Manu Shedgar.

In *Rudra Garuda Purana*, Rishi portrays a police officer, while Priyanka Kumar plays the female lead. The supporting cast includes Vinod Alva, Avinash, Shivraj K R Pate, Giri, Ridvi, S Sreeradhar, Ashwini Gowda, Ram Pavan, Vamsi, Akash, Joseph, Prabhakar, Gautam Mysore, Snake Shyam, Ranganath Bharadwaj, and comedians Jagappa, Prasanna Handrangi, and Prabhakar Boregowda.